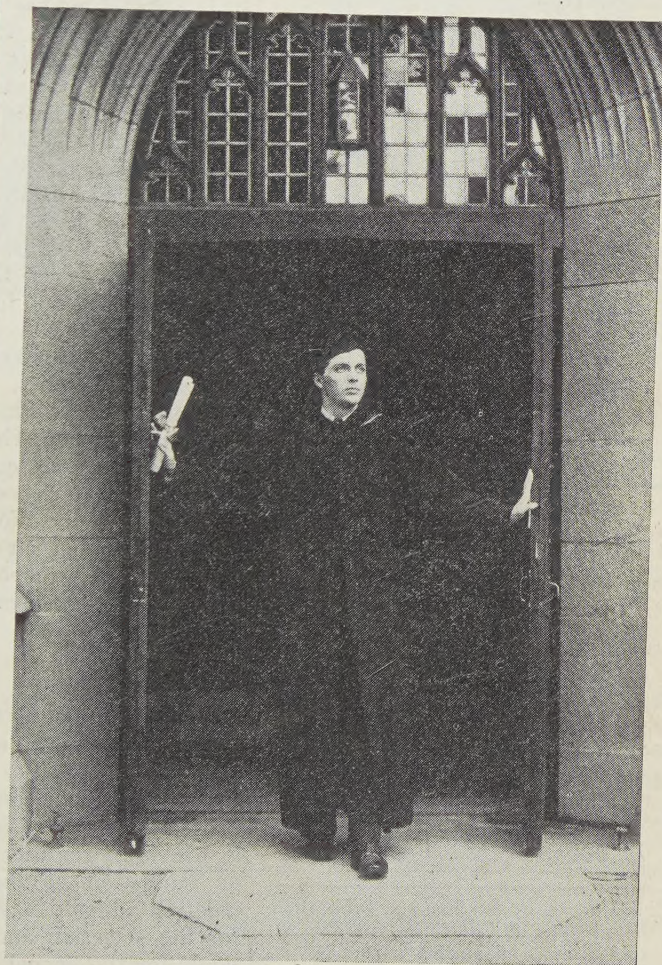


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Three "Looks" at the Board of Education

By ALVIN H. SCHAEIDIGER, Layman,
President of the Luther League of America

THE first look by a new member takes in the Board of Education's staff, the officers, and the members. Two secretaries of the staff, Mary E. Markley, Litt.D., and Carolus P. Harry, D.D., have been with the Board practically since its organization; Miss Mildred E. Winston came to the staff in 1928. Since 1929 Dr. Gould Wickey has been the efficient executive secretary.

The officers are: President, John L. Deaton, D.D., of Baltimore; vice-president, Frederick R. Knubel, D.D., of New York; treasurer, Mr. T. P. Hickman of Washington, D. C. The members are twenty-one in number elected by the Church in convention assembled. At present the twelve clergymen include eight active pastors, three presidents of synods and one synodical director of religious education. The lay representatives include two college professors, two deans, one university administrator, two officers of the Women's Missionary Society, one research chemist, one head of high school science department—the writer, now president of the Luther League of America.

Scope of Work

The second look at the Board of Education takes in the scope of its work. Its primary interest is in the colleges and seminaries connected with the United Lutheran Church in America. In providing for this interest the Board of Education at the December 1944 meeting adopted a standard procedure for the selection and guidance of students for the gospel ministry. In addition to regular financial assistance given to the colleges and seminaries, the

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Makers of Community

THE vigor of Canada and the United States as nations is a source of just pride to the citizens of both countries, especially now when they are side by side in the successful defense of the distinctive principle of their development, the entrustment of government to the people.

The solidarity of the loyalty to their governments has again been demonstrated in terms of life and property. Such all-out participation has surprised some writers who have observed the numerous "countries of origin" from which came the folk and their children who now constitute the populations.

The power of both Canada and United States is the product of common purposes, of agreements in principles, and of co-operation in action. That is, the several originals are "processed" into communities, in a manner similar to that by which raw materials are made into fabrics, structures and commercial enterprises. So persons of numerous nationalities become one.

The chief agencies by which this marvelous transformation has been wrought are our churches and our schools. They form us into communities, first local and then country wide in extent.

Signs, the meaning of which is unmistakable, point to efforts to intrude upon the freedom of these two institutions. Never was vigilance more necessary than now, if we are to avoid the displacement by secularism, hierarchy, and militarism of the free institutions by which western democracy has been produced.

THE CHURCH

IN THE NEWS

By G. Elson Ruff

Colonizing Lutherans

If a Lutheran wants to buy a farm in the Middle West, he might as well get one near a Lutheran church. This is the idea of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in sponsoring a "colonization bureau."

A Lutheran dentist, physician, or school teacher might as well settle down in a community of Lutherans, the bureau believes.



Thirteen "For Sale" or "Wanted" ads, sponsored by the Bureau, appeared in the March 13 issue of the *Lutheran Herald*.

"PROSPEROUS SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TOWN WITH POPULATION OF 9,000 OFFERS FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR LUTHERAN PHYSICIAN AND A LAWYER," reads one ad. "Lutheran population in town and trade area of approximately 6,000. Contact Colonization Bureau."

Another advertisement says, "RED RIVER VALLEY PASTOR KNOWS OF TWO FARMS FOR SALE IN HIS COMMUNITY. He will offer full assistance to a prospective Lutheran buyer. Contact the Colonization Bureau for full information."

Battle over broadcasts

THE "Gospel Hour" broadcasters seem to have lost another round in their battle to buy time on independent stations. WPEN in Philadelphia has announced cancellation of \$150,000 worth of time, as of April 2, which may cut off locally "The Old-fashioned Revival Hour," "The Lutheran Hour," and twenty-two others.

Station WPEN, owned by the Phila-

delphia *Evening Bulletin*, states that its policy of selling the Gospel broadcasters its Sunday time from 7.30 A.M. to 11 P.M. "leaves no time available to the great bulk of Protestant churches or the large group of Catholic worshippers and none for the Jewish religious groups."

Free time will be available over the station, with all denominations having their turn in getting on the air, authorities state. Some time will still be sold.

According to the Association of Philadelphia Gospel Broadcasters, the new policy is "a collectivistic idea, and opposed to our free economy and the free expression in a community by the people themselves."

"Religion should be obtainable on an open market. If people support and pay for it, they want it," stated the Rev. Carl McIntire at a mass meeting of 14,000 people gathered to protest the new radio policy.

Religion in school

By a vote of 15 to 2, the Toronto Board of Education has endorsed religious instruction in the public schools. This followed a demand by the Association for Religious Liberty that the courses be withdrawn.

Said Loftus Reid, school trustee, "The rights of minorities are so often paraded before us that we are inclined to forget that majorities have some rights, too. . . . Must the rights of the majority be always disregarded because of an aggressive and noisy minority?"

Hundreds of clergymen are teaching in the public schools under the new regulations in the province of Ontario, it is stated. The Ontario Educational Association in a plea to the Ontario

Legislature for continuance of the new program declares that "public opinion has shown satisfaction with religious education in the public schools, since fewer than 1 per cent of the boards in Ontario have asked for exemption under the Act."

Lutheran heads air chaplains

THE new air chaplain in the U. S. Army is Col. Gynther Storaasli, a clergyman of the Norwegian Lutheran Church. He was named on January 17 to head the Air Force chaplains, serving on the staff of the Chief of Chaplains, General Arnold.

Before the first World War, Chaplain Storaasli was a missionary in China. During the first war he served as a Lutheran camp pastor, and became an army chaplain in 1918.

Schweitzer reports

"You want me to take a vacation," writes Albert Schweitzer to friends in America. "For many reasons that is impossible. . . . I'm the one who has to start up the motors in the morning. It is I who go to the plantation every day to look over what the workers have done—or have not done.

"I'm the one who sees that the fruits are gathered and put on straw to keep them from rotting. Who would look after the pharmacy if I were away? I am unfolding for you some of the prosaic tasks of the life I lead.

"But when I am a doctor, or when I study the organ, or when I work at philosophy during the night, I forget all these humdrum tasks."

Dr. Schweitzer, now past seventy years of age, continues his work as a medical missionary in Lambréne, French Equatorial Africa. Thanks to his American friends, says the Doctor, his hospital continues to function. "When the war is over, I shall have a great many expenses, to send my fellow workers back to Europe and have new workers come here. But I am con-

fident that the necessary funds will be available from you. American friends do so much that I can work without being harassed with financial worries."

The letter to the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, with headquarters in Middlebury, Vt., was published in the *Christian Century*.

More Bible reading

So successful was the "Bible reading period" publicized by the American Bible Society late in 1944 that another such period will be conducted this year.

More than 14,000,000 reading-list bookmarks were requested for distribution in 1944. Thousands of newspapers and magazines printed the lists of daily readings. In 1945 the theme for the Bible-reading campaign will be "Marching Orders for a New Day." Service men are being asked to select the passages to be recommended.

Future in Finland

THE new archbishop of the Lutheran Church in Finland, Aleksii E. Lehtonen, is now in Stockholm conferring with church officials. It may be presumed that the American delegation headed by Dr. Ralph H. Long will hear his firsthand story of affairs in his country.

The churches of Sweden and the United States have been "a great help to Finnish Christianity" during the war, says the Archbishop in a statement received by *Religious News Service*.

"I am glad that bonds are being strengthened and prospects expanded on the spiritual front." Christian communion between Finland and Sweden has hitherto been founded on too small a basis, he says, stressing the need for mutual support among Christians of the Nordic countries. "In this time of suffering," he said, "I hope our Nordic people will see the way clearly lighted by God's word. May Christendom powerfully strengthen the power of our people to obey its divine commands."

IN THE WORLD'S EYE

By Julius F. Seebach

Spain is naively confident that when she stretches out her hands they will be filled with a portion of the United Nations' Relief provision. "*Quien sabe?*" they say; "lots of strange things are happening along that line; why not to us?" Spain has an idea that her war record will recede into a background of obscurity because of war weariness and more pressing problems of rehabilitation elsewhere in Europe. Perhaps she can find a bit of profitable business in that for herself. Franco hopes all this may keep hands off him personally. Spain has been much more concerned over the Inter-America Conference in Mexico City. These Latin countries, whom she claims as her children, have been her most hopeful field of political, cultural and sentimental exploitation; but they have been showing tendencies to disown the old homestead. So far, this conference has taken no overt action against Spain collectively, though several have taken steps to break off relations with her. No news from Mexico City is good news for Spain.

The Vitalizing effects of citrus fruit juices are generally accepted; but a story from the Kurile Islands discloses how they can act in surprisingly effective, if unorthodox, ways. A Navy plane in a dog-fight with a Japanese flier had its hydraulic line cut by a shell. It was discovered later when the Navy flier tried to lower his plane's landing flaps. They would not work, because there was not enough fluid left in the mechanism to lower the flaps, and a crash was imminent. Just in time Aviation Machinist's Mate C. W. Scott had a bright idea. He took the break-

fast leftovers of orange juice and coffee, and poured them into the lowering machinery. It made the flaps lower, which was a healthy thing for the crew. Thanks to the coffee, too!

Guatemala has chosen education as the road to lead her out of two great evils—illiteracy and dictatorship. Her last census showed, that of her 3,000,000 population (60 percent Indian) only 30 percent could read or write. A comprehensive program, using radio, press and volunteer teachers, is already launched. Guatemala thinks that dictators will have less chance to seize power with an educated citizenship. As reported here earlier, Guatemala has had Falangist trouble. Nicaragua has a specially defined educational program. Her Minister of Public Instruction, Dr. Mariano Fiallos, lately returning from the U.S.A., began to intensify the teaching of English in the colleges and normal schools to take advantage of scholarships being offered in the U.S. for professional and postgraduate study. The progress of affairs in the Inter-American Conference at Mexico City will greatly stimulate the plans of both these countries.

In the Midst of the agitation for fair employment practices and the abolition of race discrimination in the armed services and elsewhere, a shining example of the right thing generously done comes from Australia. Perhaps it is belated there also, but it is a beginning. A "full-blooded aborigine," Walter Saunders by name, has just been commissioned in the Australian Army. He comes of a primitive people who only a few generations ago were

considered the very lowest of the human race. His commission has been earned by "courageous and intelligent service in Crete, Libya, Greece and New Guinea." His own modest comment is: "Aborigines do not ask for special privileges, merely equal opportunities to prove their worth."

That the President of Peru is an ardent churchman is evidenced by his signing a decree (January 4) which forbade all non-Catholics to conduct meetings or worship outside their existing churches. That was intended to stop all missionary activity or other natural growth. When Romanist organizations tendered him a public vote of thanks (January 18) for issuing the decree, his reply indicated that he had Papal direction and concerted ecclesiastical help. He cited the existing "growing indestructible cordiality" of their relations with him, proved by "the creation of three archdioceses, the erection of many bishoprics, the establishment of new missions, the promotion of (priestly) seminaries, the conservation of temples and the security of (church) property." Perhaps his most revealing statement was made in his frequent references to Peru's religion as "Catholic," never "Christian." The value of that may be inferred from his explanation that Peru's religion was a fusion of the animistic pagan faith of the aboriginal Incas with the Catholic system brought from Spain. It was nice to have his explanation of what seems mostly pagan.

The Salvaging of tin cans is being brought to the fore again with the plea that the need "is greater than at any other time during the war." It is implied that the public has grown careless, thinking that "the war is about over"; so the salvage returns have dropped very low. Several things must be borne in mind. (1) There are fewer tins to be salvaged because many con-

tainers, formerly of tin, are not so now. (2) Many millions are stored indefinitely in food dumps for the armed services. (3) Many people are discouraged from salvaging because they see processed cans standing in public containers for weeks, or scattered on the streets. (4) The number of points for canned fruits and vegetables and meats have increased so enormously that these things must be done without. (5) Moreover, the salvaging by school children has been the outlet for people who don't want their work wasted. However, the Ministers' Association of Baton Rouge, La., expressed another reluctance by a telegram sent recently to the President. They asked that tin collected in scrap drives should be refused to the brewing industry, and be devoted only to army needs. They had an objection to collecting for the production of more beer cans.

The American and British Bible Societies are alert to the possibilities the Russian religious situation offers for the entrance of the Bible into that land. The American Society has printed 400,000 Gospels in Russian and two editions of the whole New Testament. A supply is also being printed in Sweden, and still another supply has passed through the American Society's Geneva office to Russian prisoners in Germany. The entrance of these Russian texts over the Soviet borders, however, is still uncertain. Neither society is sure that the Scriptures printed can be shipped into Russia; nor has any intimation been given that any financial or other aid to that end would be welcomed from the Bible Societies, though inquiry was made quite some time ago. Possibly this is partly due to the fact that atheism still has considerable standing in official circles, and partly that the Russian Church authorities may have ecclesiastical doubts and suspicions. It is admitted that the pre-revolution church deserved distrust.

THE COLLEGE What It Expects of the Church

By WILLIAM F. ZIMMERMAN, President of Thiel College

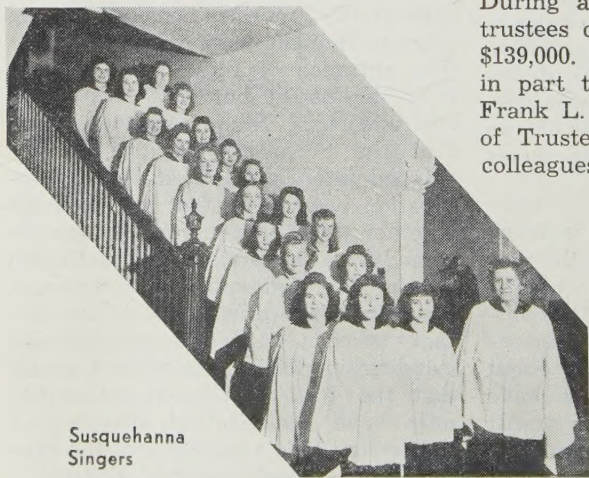
DAILY, every Christian is reminded of the importance given to teaching by our Lord in His ministry among men. Education was one of the bulwarks of the Reformation. Wherever Christianity has grown in service, Christian education has always been an essential. This helps us to understand why men and women early became pioneers in the founding of church colleges. True, not everybody goes to college; but every individual benefits from the education provided by a church college.

A college expects **spiritual enlightenment** from the church. Daily, the college administration, faculty, trustees, staff, and students wrestle with the events of the contemporary world. Of necessity much of their thought is given to secular truth. These Christians are ever confronted with the possibility of losing the very heart of the universal teachings of Jesus. Only the church can keep clearly before the college reality of the vine and branch relationship. Truly, the church is the vine, and the college is the branch. The college cannot bear fruit of itself.



President W. F. Zimmerman

A college expects of the church **trustees of commanding stature**. A well-known president wrote, "University trustees should be the ablest, wisest men in the state." From observation and experience, college presidents believe that the college trustees should be among the ablest, wisest, and most consecrated men and women of the church. During a fifteen months' period, the trustees of Thiel College helped raise \$139,000. This productiveness was due in part to the leadership of Senator Frank L. Fay, president of the Board of Trustees, who always reminds his colleagues of their privileges and responsibilities. His own life of stewardship is an open book. A balance of \$55,000 was still needed December 19, 1944. The spirit of the trustees was stated clearly by Dr. P. Paul Harman, pastor of Zion Church, Greensburg, Pa., "Somehow, somewhere Trustee Homer F. (Continued on page 14)



Susquehanna Singers

THE CHURCH What It Expects of the College

By ERLAND NELSON, President of Carthage College

John Churchman: Yes, thanks, Prexy, I'll take another cup of coffee and a kringle, too. . . . You know, you are always telling us what the college expects from the church, and I have to listen to you. Today you are to listen.

Prexy College: Well, after all, you are investing in Christian higher education—heavily, I hope. Now just what

work-learn program. Now when we mention Lutheran colleges, should we not be reminded of something equally distinctive?

P: Just providing another good accredited college is not enough?

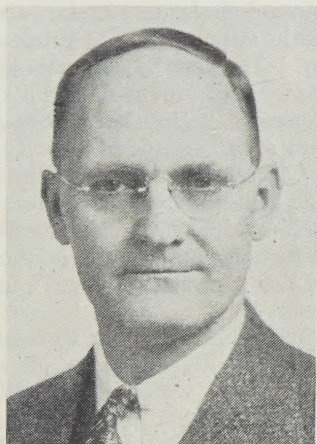
J: Precisely. An education may be secured at many state institutions. When Betty Coed tells me she is a graduate from a Lutheran college, I want that to mean something more than if she claimed West Dakota State as her alma mater.

P: Have another kringle? Could you be a bit more specific, John?

J: I'll try. Some educational leaders are saying that "knowledge is power." The program at St. John's College is an illustration:—"Know the great books," and you are educated. Others have emphasized the development of specific skills. Yet young people may have both knowledge and skills and still achieve little. Something else seems to be needed. That something, which has not received serious consideration in American education, is motive.

P: Largely true, I'm afraid. Yet, recently attitudes and motives have been the subject of some study.

J: I suppose so. Still, the motives pro-



President Erland Nelson

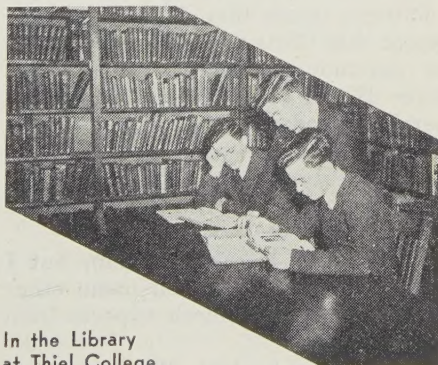
does the church really expect in the way of returns?

Here Enters "Objective"

J: You flatter me when you suggest that I contribute heavily. Of course, I do have a compulsory "first mile." I pay taxes to support state universities. My "second mile" is voluntary—a gift to my own church college. Now from that "second mile," as a church member I expect that our college shall be distinctive.

P: Just what do you mean?

J: Well, mention Notre Dame and you think of what? Football, of course. Mention Antioch, and you think of the



In the Library at Thiel College

posed seem so inadequate. Recently I heard the statement from the head of a great university that the only realistic motive yet found is enlightened selfishness. Wasn't that motive given a pretty fair trial in the pre-depression period?

P: I see. The church expects the college to give not merely knowledge and skills, but also to instill powerful motives which will *not* lead to frustration and disappointment when goals have been reached.

J: Yes. Just a half cup this time. The church expects the college to instill motives which will spur youth on to achievement through life and not leave them with a sense of emptiness at the end. That's our need today. Luther, the Muhlenbergs, Father Heyer, Passavant, Dr. F. H. Knubel, and many others of our own time have made contributions which could not possibly be attributed to scholarship alone. True, these men were educated, but so were thousands of others of whom we hear little or nothing. In addition to their training, these men had a driving force, a motive that only a true follower of Christ can know.

P: But, do you mean to imply that our colleges have not developed that kind of men?

The "Something More"

J: By no means! I recognize that the majority of pastors and missionaries have come from church colleges. Yet, I do mean to say that church members expect this Christian motivation to be the paramount objective for all students. If you give your typical student merely a good education in a so-called safe environment, you have failed in your highest mission. You must have a distinctive purpose—instilling the Christian motive.

P: That's a big order, John, but I agree with you. Can you name other specifics that the church expects from the college?

J: Well, yes, I might. We expect you

to guide, to counsel, and to reprimand your students. Adolescence is a critical period. We expect you to encourage students of ability to enter full-time Christian service in order that we may always have capable, earnest pastors, missionaries, nurses and Christian teachers in our public schools. We expect you to help prepare parish workers, choir directors, Sunday school leaders, homemakers. We expect you to be alert on the perplexing problems of our day with some of your professors writing on the Christian answers to some of these questions. We expect you to maintain scholastic standards which will entitle our colleges to proper recognition. The church expects you to offer our youth up-to-date buildings, laboratories, a highly trained teaching staff, and a well-rounded activity program. Church members expect that Christian atmosphere and conduct shall be so self-evident that even a stranger who visits the camps will not need to ask, "Is this a church college?" In addition—

P: Pardon me, John, but the question of money has entered my mind several times while you were talking. We are now in a campaign for a men's residence, so you can understand why my mind turned to finances. What does the church expect of the college in that area?

J: I really shouldn't, but I'll take another cup. All right, now. You asked for it! We expect colleges to husband endowments, plant and current funds, ever remembering that basically these are gifts, made up of the pennies from the Sunday school as well as the larger gifts from devoted men and women. Your responsibilities are heavy.

Real Thriftiness

P: Heavy, indeed! May we have grace to be worthy!

J: You know, I feel a bit humble when I tell you what we expect of the college. This morning I paid a news-

boy three cents for a *Chicago Tribune*. I found the financial page missing and complained to the boy. Like a flash he came back, "Mister, what do you expect for three cents?" Our confirmed membership doesn't give even three cents per day toward Christian colleges!

P: Pardon me again, but I am afraid you are a bit off the subject. Another wrinkle? Now is there anything else that the church expects?

J: Yes, there is. The church expects you to tell us frankly of your needs. At times we may be slow in responding. We are busy with our daily occupations, our local church work. We may be even a bit irritated when you interrupt to tell us of college needs. But we expect you to keep coming back until we do respond. We really do believe in Christian higher education. Tell us your needs. Tell us slowly, carefully, accurately and "again and again."

P: Thank you, John. Truly, the church expects much. I should be disappointed if she expected less. The consciousness of needs is an index of obligations. Through obligations we see plans and action.

Three "Looks" at the Board of Education

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Board distributed \$50,000 from the Emergency Fund, made available by the United Lutheran Church, to eight colleges requiring this extra aid to continue present high standards. Financial aid was provided for five ministerial students from the California Synod and four from the Manitoba Synod. Partial graduate fellowships were provided for our young clergymen preparing for specific services. Three women were awarded grants-in-aid from the Scholarship and Loan Fund for Women. In order to maintain accredited standing, the Board of Education assisted Midland College with its library equipment

and Waterloo College with its science equipment.

In Non-Lutheran Schools

The secondary interest of the Board of Education is in the students attending other than Lutheran colleges. A careful review of the constructive work accomplished during the last twenty-five years by the secretaries on the campuses in many states where Lutheran students are in attendance, called for special commendation by the Board. The organization of Lutheran Student Associations, the supplying of pastors for students at the colleges and universities, the provisions made for student centers, bring a record of accomplishment which lays a firm foundation for whatever may result from the transfer of this important sphere of activity to the National Lutheran Council.

What of the Future?

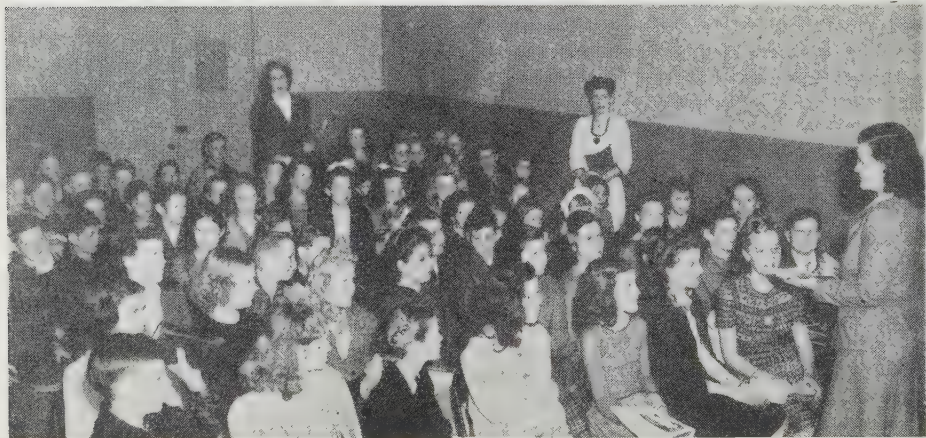
The third look at the Board of Education takes in the future. Since the visions of the future have not crystallized into the actuality of the present, a mere listing of items for further consideration will suffice:

1. Transfer of student work to the National Lutheran Council to be coordinated with the student work of the American Lutheran Conference.
2. Study of core curriculum for theological seminaries.
3. Recommendations for best organization and promotion of theological education.
4. Establishment of a Post-graduate Theological Seminary.
5. More student pastors for needed student centers.
6. Calling of new secretaries by the Board of Education.
7. Co-operation in the establishment of a training school for missionaries.
8. The preparation of teachers for religious education in public school systems.

IN WAR INDUSTRY CENTERS

Young People's Activities and Associates for the Faith

By Executive Secretary H. CONRAD HOYER,
Division of American Missions, National Lutheran Council



A Bible Class Group in a California War Industry Center

YOUTH is in the limelight today in the war production areas. The youth program is a most important part of the Lutheran Church's ministry to the new war-home communities. Scout Troops, Luther Leagues, Bible classes, Youth Choirs, have been organized and the youth of the "housing projects" have responded to the call of the Church. Eighteen full-time pastors and thirty-six young women, known as Defense Area Visitors, are engaged in this program to extend the influence of the Church upon youth on the move.

YOUTH SERVED FAR FROM HOME

When a class of eight boys and girls was confirmed recently in McLoughlin Heights, Vancouver, Wash., the Rev. Everett J. Jensen pastor, they were enrolled as members of their home churches, more than a thousand miles to the east. The young people were:

Leo Alvin Dahl—Triumph, Minn.
David Hagen—Underwood, Minn.
Darrell Dwain Kirstine—Norfolk, Nebr.
Evelyn Delores Mason—Little Fork, Minn.
Walter Bruce Nelson—Minneapolis, Minn.
Robert William Noack—Valley City, N. D.

Marian Delores Ness—Wolverton, Minn.
Marian Bernice Houglum—Perley, Minn.
Thus "emergency work" in the transitory housing communities strengthens the permanent congregations.

YOUTH SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER

These lines appeared in the local newspaper, *Sahara Star*, Sahara Village, Utah (near the city of Ogden): "Do you like Christmas Carols? The Girl Scouts will be happy to carol for you if they see a candle or light in your window on Saturday night, December 23, between 7 and 9 o'clock." Candles in nearly every window bespoke a welcome, and folks showed their appreciation to the Lutheran scouts in a substantial way, by giving money for the

room treasury and by providing tasty treats.

"Perhaps our most appreciative audiences were the convalescing soldiers and PW's at the Base Hospital. It was fun singing outside the guard house, too, and seeing the fellows inside suddenly lift their heads as if to catch a sound. In a moment there was a mad rush for the windows, and they all seemed to fly open simultaneously. We sang a few carols for them, and as we began retreating into the darkness again a hearty and prolonged applause followed us."

CAPITAL YOUTH RALLY

Youth leaders of Washington, D. C., have from time to time arranged for special activities to reach the influx of Lutheran young people now a part of the nation's program of war. During the winter of last year (February), a Youth Rally Service was held. Three hundred young people attended. Registration records told this story: there were as many people present from Minnesota as from the District; one-half of those present were from the middle west; fifteen states were represented in the group and every one of

the "major Lutheran church bodies. During the remainder of the year a boat ride, a picnic, and an "evening sing" were successfully carried out with hundreds of young people responding. New young people are reached through the Lutheran War Workers' Service and referred to the churches.

YOUTH EXPRESS GRATITUDE

"Dear Pastor Siefkes:

"This is to let you know that we are no longer in Vanport. My sister and I came to your church several times while we lived there. Then we were forced to move out, which we did, to the city of St. Johns. We lived there several weeks, and now we are at our home here in northern Wisconsin. May I say that worshiping and visiting at your church in the project gave us much joy and was indeed a home away from home, one we sorely needed. To help refresh your memory, because it was quite a while ago, we worked graveyard shift and came to church without sleep. Our address was 11830 Meadows, Apartment 9377.

"We are indeed indebted to you, and we send our heartfelt good wishes to you and your work. May God bless



The Church is at Work in Housing Projects like this in Industrial Centers

you abundantly and a Merry Christmas.

"Sincerely,

"VIOLET AND PHYLLIS SCHMIDT."

"If it hadn't been for you girls and the Lutheran work here, I perhaps would have been a different kind of a girl now," Harriet told the Defense Area Visitor in Vanport, Ore., one evening on the way to choir rehearsal. "When I first came I disliked Vanport so much. I was unhappy and lonesome. Then I found the Lutheran service and the Luther League. Now I love it, and I don't want to go back home with my parents when they go back."

Harriet is now a Sunday school teacher, sings in the choir, and is an active Luther Leaguer, and helps with stenographic work for the Lutheran program in the project.

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

Charleston, S. C., has enlisted the youth of the Liberty Homes housing project in a genuine Luther League program of varied activities. Only a few weeks ago they sponsored a "Clean-up Brigade" and made the "new parsonage" in the housing project shine with cleanliness and good order inside and outside.

At a recent meeting of the Luther League they conducted a "Peace Conference" with the boys and girls filling the chairs at the conference, injecting Christian principles into peace planning.

Social activities of recent months include a "Follow-the-Leader" Hike, a "Chain-Gang" Party, a Beard Party, Christmas Caroling, and the regular Sunday evening meetings in the Community Center.

JUNIOR HI BIBLE CLASS

On the last Sunday in January the Junior Hi Bible Class at Harbor Gate Project, Richmond, Calif., went "over the top." They reached an all-time

high in attendance. The total for the morning was 102—54 girls and 48 boys. Through student participation and planning, attendance has enjoyed a steady growth for several months. A large number of this group have recently signed a pledge to read the Bible every day. Many of them have erected altars in their homes as worship centers for their daily devotions.

Pastor Ross Hidy, serving the Harbor Gate Project, recently reported to the Chicago office: "Two fine Lutheran boys in our group have decided to study for the ministry and become pastors in the Lutheran Church."

ALL CAN SHARE

The young women Defense Area Visitors and the pastors on specialized service are thrilled at the importance and value to the Church of this great work in which they are engaged—work of conserving the resources of the Church and extending its influence. Yet the thrill need not be theirs alone. Every Lutheran contributing to Lutheran World Action shares, according to his own ability, in this most significant and essential job.

As the D.A.V. wears her insignia proudly, let us all proudly wear in our hearts the L.W.A., which means "Love Working Arm." Some of us Lutherans are seeing visions and dreaming dreams, but we are neither visionaries nor slumberers. The reality is the opportunity seen and accepted.

What the College Expects of the Church

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Bair and I will find \$6,000 more which is our share of the balance needed."

Only the church can inspire men of commanding stature to share their talents with a college. Only the church can instill in men the faith of Abraham, the perseverance of a Jacob

the vision and patience of a Nehemiah, and the generosity exemplified by the Israelites when they built the temple. With the strength of such trustees, college presidents, faculties, and students will rise to unprecedented heights of Kingdom building.

A college expects of a church **teachers who excel**. Last month I had a conference with a younger woman who is a graduate of a church college; taught in high school; earned graduate degrees; has a desirable position with a university. She has been urged to remain at this university. If she considers a position elsewhere, she has been advised to look with favor only upon those schools that have large endowments and have a reputation for freedom. Happily, the love of the church persists. This talented woman believes that a college can have economic stability through the regular gifts of the church. She is convinced that the freedom that enriches personal living is the Christian liberty explained fully by St. Paul and recovered by Dr. Martin Luther. A college looks to the church to quicken in scholarly teachers the ideal of teaching in the church college. The college expects the church to rank teaching with preaching and healing as Jesus did.

The college expects of the church a **larger number of its youth**. The college looks to the church to encourage parents and youth to consider carefully its merits. Recently a busy surgeon made a special trip to a church college to inquire about the pre-medical course for his son, a senior in high school. The father was a graduate of a large school but had come to recognize distinct values in a church college—values that he wanted his son to have and values that his son had been influenced to appreciate. We realize that few persons buy property sight unseen. Yet parents and youth often fail to visit the church college and learn about the basic liberal arts courses, the opportunities for

pre-professional education, the provisions for growing in Christian faith. Here the best in secular education is translated into Christian service. Thus the church gains a constant stream of trained replacements—soldiers of the Christ.

A college expects of the church **increasing material support**. The Lutheran membership is composed largely of middle-class people—folks who have been blessed with a liberal measure of God's bounty. The Year Book for 1943 records a congregation in the Pittsburgh Synod with a membership of 1,855 contributing \$37,609. This is an example of giving possible among a membership made up of the middle class. It is unnecessary to go to the records. The hymn writer spoke for every child of God, "Thy bountiful care what tongues can recite?" The way to keep our hearts from growing old is to share willingly in the larger welfare of the church. It is a lesson taught in the school of experience, but it is dependable.

Church members have no hesitancy in providing for their own material needs; they do pretty well in supporting their local congregations. But there is a decided shortage in manpower of those who understand that a church college is a vital part of Christian education; that student tuition pays only half of the current operating budget. We owe a debt of thanks to the faithful stewards for establishing a *beach head*. The battle is yet to be won! These all-out Christians need the help of many to assure adequate funds for salaries, buildings, books, laboratories, current income, improvements and endowment. The help of a multitude is an imperative in these critical years of the war when the needs of a college have been intensified by decreased enrollments. This help of many stewards will always be an imperative for every generation as it strives to win more of the *whole world for Christ*.

PARENTAL MUSTS in Early Childhood

ETHEL B. WICKEY Cites Responsibility, Self-reliance and Confidence as Basic Qualities

A YEAR ago juvenile delinquency was a popular subject. Article after article was written about the offender, the cause and the cure. It was discussed by educators, social welfare workers, ministers and government officials. Gradually the popularity of the subject waned. The delinquent child was placed on the doorstep of the delinquent parent.

Today the delinquent parent is called upon to account for the whereabouts of his child. "A campaign by police women and plainclothes men to stop the 'disgraceful antics' of teen-age girls who pick up soldiers and sailors" is on in one of our large eastern cities. The account states, "Police will communicate with the girls' parents, if possible, and ask for an explanation. If parents fail to co-operate, they will be summoned to Juvenile Court to answer a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor." Theater matrons are urging "mothers of the bobby-socks brigade" to take better care of their daughters. What I daily and nightly see of these girls makes my blood run cold with horror; for they are not children of the slums, but well-dressed girls, evidently from nice families, but with mothers who pay no attention to what they do, or where they go." Ministers are calling for domestic counselors to speak to their young parent groups on the "Social Problems of Teen-agers." Professors of sociology have written articles on "The Coming War on Women."

We are coming closer to the solution of our problem; but as yet we have not arrived. Delinquency will not be solved by policemen, theater matrons, ministers, domestic counselors or professors. They can warn us; they can

search out our daughters in dark doorways and secluded spots in the theater; they can advise young parents; but not until parents learn *how* to train a child in the way he should go, will problems be solved.

Responsibility

In the very early years of the child's life he must learn responsibility. The parent must assign tasks. This will include certain household duties; appearing at meals on time with hands and face washed and hair combed; dressing and undressing himself; getting off to school promptly and unaided; going to bed at a given hour without being sent or driven; coming in from play without being called; putting his toys away when playtime is over; bathing himself; keeping his room in order.

When these responsibilities are assigned, parents must be definite. Parents must announce a penalty if the responsibilities are not carried out. Then they must see to it that the penalty is administered at once if the child shirks his responsibility. Parents should not take over if the child neglects to do his duty. This is always disastrous.

As the child grows older, his responsibilities must be increased. He will now more easily adapt himself to routine. He will grow in responsibility and self-respect.

Teaching a child responsibility takes reasonable intelligence and strength of character on the part of the parent. But it will save both parent and child from many embarrassment, and will avoid delinquencies and often estrangement.

Self-reliance

A child's instinct to help himself emerges before he is a year old. He

strains every nerve to do things for himself. He will hold his own bottle or cup. He will try to feed himself even if at first he cannot find his mouth. He will pull himself up and fall down many times before he takes his first step. He will go and get the toy he wants on the other side of the room by a method he works out for himself. Very soon he learns to climb up on a chair, turn on the faucet and get himself a drink. He will wash his own hands and brush his own teeth. He will dress and undress himself. He will go to bed and fall asleep without whining or calling for attention. These and many other things he will naturally do instinctively.

But many parents will not permit this instinct to unfold normally. They rush to help him at every turn. Parents are too often weak and selfish. They want to feel important. They want to feel superior. They want their child to depend upon them. They want to feel that their child needs them.

So we often find parents feeding their child at four or later. They bathe him. They dress him and comb his hair long after he enters school. They rock him to sleep or read him a story until he falls asleep. The child struggles to grow and the parent struggles to hinder him. Instead of strengthening the child for greater tasks before him, parents help him to become delinquent.

Learning self-reliance in the early years gives a child the feeling of importance and independence as he matures. He makes decisions wisely; he thinks through his own problems intelligently; he experiments knowingly; he observes carefully. A self-reliant child is not a delinquent child.

Confidence

A child is happy and safe in the home so long as there is mutual confidence between parent and child. The parent must do nothing that will lead the child to mistrust him. He will be sympathetic at all times, but firm. If the child

commits an offense, he must be told that if he repeats the offense a certain type of punishment will follow. If the offense is repeated, the punishment must be given at once and not referred to again. The child then needs assurance of affection to re-establish confidence. If he gets a smile or a kind word, he will be eager to do the right and will find pleasure in doing it.

A parent must be faithful to his promises. If he is unable to make a promise good, compensate for it at the earliest possible date. He must not deceive. This will give the child confidence and give him no cause for lying or stealing. If, however, the child does offend, he must be punished.

Many parents are not good examples of this virtue. They tell their child to answer the door or the telephone and say, "Mother is not at home." They break one promise after the other and are careless about compensating for it. They go to the grocery store and pick candy or fruit from the counter and eat it before they are checked out. They lie to the child in many different ways, thinking the child will never know any better. When the child does find out, the parent loses the confidence of his child.

Confidence between parent and child must be established in the home. It is the parent's key whereby he can unlock the secret places of the child's thoughts and actions. He can guide and direct the child during the formative period. It is a parent's strong weapon against delinquency.

Christ in the Home

As the parent assumes his role of authority over his household, he must give Christ a definite place in the home. He must call his family together for family worship. He must help each member to be right with God and right with one another.

On Sunday the parent must take the
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Post-Easter Clean-up—Pastor Lathrop dreams aloud

"I do like energetic people," I remarked.

"Self-defense. Sheer self-defense," Jerry answered, grinning at me over the pile of papers on his desk. "After your announcement this morning, I hadn't much choice, had I?"

"You mean you didn't appreciate my offer? I thought you'd be glad to have me do your sorting for you."

"Hmm. Well, we'll let that one go. Do you really want a job?"

"We-ell."

"Well, yes.' That's what you were going to say, wasn't it?"

"If it won't take too long, I'll be glad to help. The small fry will be returning ravenous, as usual."

"That wasn't exactly a 'small fry' voice that woke me from my slumbers this morning. Sounded more like a young lion to me."

"Wasn't that a charming awakening? Here I'd leaped to shut off the alarm and cautioned both the youngsters to 'try to let daddy get some sleep. He's had a hard week you know.' When Mark let out that roar, I was furious, just furious. I went tearing over to the bathroom ready to tear him limb from limb. But when I saw him, I couldn't do anything but laugh. The bottom had come out of that cardboard tooth powder carton and covered him from the chest down. He was the funniest sight I've seen in a blue moon. You couldn't possibly duplicate his expression. Such a combination of amazement and disgust. The more I laughed the angrier he grew. Even after I'd recovered my equilibrium and he'd changed his clothes, he was still in a huff."

"So you're planning to have something that he specially likes for lunch. Softie!"

"Maybe I am. But I don't blame him for being a bit cross at me. My conduct was quite unmannerly."

"What a conscience! But while you're feeling guilty, couldn't you spare a few qualms for your husband? Just see me slaving away so that you won't throw out anything valuable when you clean house. The very least you can do is to give me a hand."

I laughed at his foolishness and dropped into the chair beside him.

"This pile is promotional material that's come in during the past month. That scrawl in the corner shows which of the various church members should receive it. If you wouldn't mind sliding each batch into a large envelope and addressing it to the proper person, you would be a great help."

We worked in comfortable silence for a while. That is, we didn't talk.

Before long that extra sense that tells a cook when time to prepare a meal is drawing near began to stir. Jerry's desk was still heaped high with miscellaneous missives.

"If you had a secretary, she'd do all these things for you, wouldn't she?"

"She would."

"And that would leave you more time for real pastoral work, wouldn't it?"

"And if she were a parish worker as well as a secretary, she could be a big help there, too. 'My dreams are getting better all the time,' but they aren't much nearer fulfillment than they were six months ago."

"Funny there are so few girls prepared for that sort of work."

"It's quite understandable, of course. During the depression churches couldn't afford—or thought they couldn't afford—a second full-time worker."

"And since then girls with ability

have been going into the armed forces and nursing and Red Cross work."

"They tell me in the synodical office that ours isn't the only congregation looking for a parish worker."

"I wonder whether many of the girls who are doing war work now will be attracted to work in the church later. I've heard some people talking as though it were going to be as simple to reconvert individuals to peacetime pursuits as to reconvert the war plants. But I wonder. Seems to me parish work might seem a bit humdrum to girls who have been dashing around seeing the world—especially to those who have been in real danger."

"If they are the sort of people who need bands playing and all that kind of thing, they would find it deadly dull, I'm sure. But there hasn't been very much band playing in this war."

"That's true. None of our boys is thrilled by the part he's playing—even if it's dangerous and looks glamorous to the outsider. I suppose the same thing is true of the girls."

"Perhaps not quite so true. The girls you see in uniform are often just a little more happily self-conscious."

"That may be because we look at them with the same expression. I usually take a good look at a girl in uniform myself. Some of them do look very attractive; and I guess I smile at them without realizing it."

"Well, whether the ones we see on the street like themselves in uniform or not, there's no doubt they are doing real work—some of them heroic work. And I see no reason why those who look beneath the surface of things shouldn't find in the church a very natural outlet for their energies."

"Now, there's an idea for a sermon, Mr. Lathrop. Worldly things look thrilling at first sight, but they pall. The work of the church looks humdrum at first sight, but beneath the surface is a real thrill."

"I don't like to take the wind out of

your sails by suggesting that the idea is hardly original."

"Oh, do your sermons have to be original? Never mind, I was just leaving anyhow."

"Well, there's one thing about which I am entirely sure. When I finally get the parish worker I am seeking, she will be very respectful to the pastor."

"And the pastor's filing cabinets will be moved to the church, and he will do only sermons in his third-floor study. I'll have no strange woman trailing through my house."

"Quite right. There is always the possibility that I may need a place to which I can flee for solitude."

"You've been talking about wanting help for a long time, but I believe in your heart you are half glad you haven't been able to find anyone."

"No. I'm afraid I've overdone my act. The wrong person could make things very uncomfortable. But the right person could be a tremendous help."

"Have you a clear picture of the qualifications the right person would need?"

"Very clear. First of all she must have an attractive personality—friendly, tactful, responsible. Then she must know the church—not only the organization, but the spirit and meaning of the church. She must have some knowledge of religious education so that she can relieve me of some of the organizing. And she should have enough office technique that at times like this I wouldn't get into a snarl."

"Hitch your wagon to a star, dear. You may find her. Wouldn't you settle for less?"

"I may have to. But those qualifications are no more stringent—in fact, less stringent—than the qualifications for a pastor. And look how many men there are filling the bill very well."

"And look how Mrs. Lathrop stands around gossiping when she should be busy. See you later."

TEXTS AND COMMENTS

By J. WILLIAM McCAULEY

THE VICTORIOUS LIFE

Read I John 5:4-12; and John 20:19-23.

"BEHOLD, the man!" exclaimed the haughty Roman ruler, with mingled feelings as he pointed at the thorn-crowned prisoner condemned to be crucified on the charge of being "King of the Jews." Jesus had said that if He gave the order legions of angels would come and serve Him. Why, then, this restraint of unlimited power? Why this suffering of the innocent? "My Kingdom is not of this world," answered the divine cross-bearer; "if my Kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight." The sword, or its antithesis, the cross, was offered for His election, and He chose the latter.

God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. I John 5:11.

GAINING LIFE ETERNAL. Ludwig Normandson faced a ring of fire on Sumatra when cannibals were about to put him to death; but the power of the Gospel won, and he gained salvation from martyrdom for himself and eternal life for the natives—who have been transformed into Christian exemplars, to the amazement of the soldiers of the white race. Jesus saves from death unto life.

"O'er the abyss of the grave, and its horrors infernal,

Victory's palm Thou art waving in triumph supernal:

Who to Thee cling,

Circled by hope, shall now bring

Out of its gulf life eternal."

Jesus came and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. John 20:19.

RECEIVING CHRIST'S PEACE. "Win a lasting peace," is the goal of mankind today. By the power of arms and of political and economic efforts we seek

to attain it. But Jesus gave the simple formula—just a word: "Peace be unto you!" As it is repeated from the heart and breathed into the spirit of others, peace returns to the peacemaker. United with love's forcefulness, it banishes hate and all memories of war. Through the mercy and pity of Him Who stands "in the midst" of turbulent society as the divine Stabilizer, Christ's followers receive and spread the only durable peace and happiness.

"Son of man, Saviour, in Whom, with deep tenderness blending,

Infinite pity to wretches He balm is extending;

On Thy dear breast,

Weary and numb, they may rest.

Quickened to joy never ending."

Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead; and Christ shall shine upon thee. Ephesians 5:14.

ANSWERING LOVE'S CALL. As the warmth of the springtime woos dormant nature from her hiding, and the morning sunshine awakens the sleeper, so the Lord of life, the Sun of righteousness, calls all listless souls and all "dead in trespasses and sin" to arouse into resurrected energy and newness of life.

"Sweetly persuasive, to me, too, Thy call has resounded;

Melting my heart so obdurate, Thy love has abounded;

Back to the fold,

Led by Thy hand, I behold

Grace all my path has surrounded."

For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world. I John 5:4.

OVERCOMING THE WORLD. "The Kingdom sense," as someone said, "transforms us in our social relations as well

as in our individual life." Like the strange, driving power of the life in the seed that bursts from its prison and rises into new and manifold expression, so the abounding life of the Spirit-filled Christian cannot be "bound," but reaches out and "overcomes the world."

"Bless thou the Lord, O my soul! Who,
thy pardon assuring,
Heals thy diseases, and grants thee new
life ever during,
Joy amid woe,
Peace amid strife here below,
Unto thee ever securing."

**And that every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the glory
of God the Father. Philippians 2:11.**

CONFESSING CHRIST'S LORDSHIP. "One reason why some people don't talk much about their religion is that they don't have much to talk about," remarked someone. The grateful soul not only appreciates a benefaction, but praises the benefactor. The saved man gives thanks to the Saviour and confesses to others as to His power and readiness to save. The true church is made up of those who have triumphed over sin and have congregated in one vast host of all nations and times to acknowledge the Saviour as their eternal Lord.

"Join, O my voice! the vast chorus, with
trembling emotion:

Chorus of saints, who, though sundered
by land and by ocean,
With sweet accord
Praise the same glorious Lord,
One in their ceaseless devotion."

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast made of
one blood all peoples who dwell upon
earth: Grant that men everywhere may
be brought to know Thine only be-
gotten Son as their Saviour and, dwell-
ing together in love as brethren, may
by Thy Holy Spirit be enabled to tri-
umph over sin and attain unto life ever-
lasting. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

Just Little Things

By MRS. W. J. ACRA

Just little things that help us carry on
To face each day, each trial we must bear,
The disappointments, sorrows we all share,
And give us strength when ready to
despair

When nights are dark and no one seems to
care.

Just little things that help to see us
through;

Our loved ones lifting up their voice to
pray

That God will guide, will guard us night
and day

Along this road, along life's weary way.
How near they seem, though they are far
away!

Just little things to those who do not know
My blessed Lord, the Man of Galilee;
They do not know—O God, that they
could see

The Precious Blood which flowed at Cal-
vary;

The Blood that cleansed and set this sinner
free.

Petersburg, Ky.

Parental Musts in Early Childhood

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young child with him to church. He
must present him for Holy Baptism.
The child must be taught very young
to "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep
it holy." He must receive catechetical
instruction from his pastor in prepara-
tion for confirmation.

Parents must be an example to their
child in Christlike living and Christlike
giving day by day. Together they must
serve faithfully and well with their God
and their fellowmen.

These are some suggestions which
will strengthen weak parents and help
children to grow sturdy in body, mind
and soul.

Across the Desk

IN the name of the synods and congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America, THE LUTHERAN expresses to our educational institutions, their faculties and boards of directors grateful appreciation for services rendered during the past twelve months.

The Church owes some extra appreciation to those of its members who are directors and executives of Christian Higher Education. These men and women have not found the last twelve months "just another year." On the contrary, the war effort, the war emergency, war rationing, and beneath all these externals, the war morale had to be dealt with "hand to hand" as it were. That no "casualties" have occurred; that is, that no church institution has been compelled to close its doors and that pastoral attention has been available on all campuses to which our young men and young women have gone—Lutheran and non-Lutheran, church-related, privately endowed or tax maintained—that on all these the Christian ministry had been available "as usual" is to the schools' credit.

It is also a source of commendation for our institutions of learning that they have responded favorably to the "suggestions" of military advisors with respect to speeding up education as a contribution to the "war effort." The adoption of "accelerated courses" sounds wise and well, but their installation has not been easy for those concerned. The reduction of vacations from a score of weeks to two so as to insert an extra term interfered with student income, with teachers' "refresher" courses, and made serious problems for boards of trustees. It has been done, however, and those who made the needed adaptations merit

classification with business enterprises that installed new machines and kept their plants busy more than the former average of hours per week. Let it be remembered of our school fold that the "war effort" meant for them the same sort of increased application that it has meant to munitions plants and centers of military training. And we add parenthetically, no report of increased compensation or time and half time for extra hours has come to our notice.

But in 1945 we are expecting decidedly lessened need of adaptation to military necessities. Our schools and pastors hope to return to educational policies which have been approved and installed for a peace-time regime. The situation that required "keeping school" fifty out of fifty-two weeks per year, and accelerated completion of courses for undergraduate degrees and for professional training can be dealt with as an emergency, but it is not a correct provision for growth in culture and for progress in the arts and sciences which specialization for a calling implies. Our Lutheran schoolmen and the trustees of our colleges and seminaries are making proposals to our congregations and synods which have the future in mind. Let us give them an attentive hearing.

PENALTIES AND EVIL DEEDS

THE frequent references to penalizing evil deeds which are read and heard during these uncertain days lead one to examine the Bible's teachings relative to rewards for doing right and penalties falling upon evil doers. Along broad lines, the distinction is clearly stated in law, prophecy and revelation. If a concordance is at hand, note the citations of the word "woe" which occur in both Old and New Testaments.

The teachings of our Lord on this subject are neither ambiguous nor obscure. The seed that is sown produces "after its kind." One does not gather grapes from thorns nor figs from thistles. The epistles contain equally definite declarations which warn believers as well as unbelievers that godliness has divine favor and wickedness is followed by punishments.

The caution—"Judge not that ye be not judged"—which is found in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7: 1) implies the lack of adequate knowledge which must be available when penalties are applied. Paul in the twelfth chapter of his Epistle to the Romans admonishes believers: "Avenge not yourselves but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine; I will repay,' saith the Lord." The requirement of wisdom beyond what man possesses is there indicated:—compensation for good, and condemnation for evil deeds have factors of motivation and circumstances which the shortened vision of man cannot correctly discern. God alone is competent.

But penalties which are attached to laws are not revoked by divine revelation. The essential moral and ethical content of the Ten Commandments is demonstrated by its continuance (rightly interpreted) from the Jewish into the Christian regime.

MILITARY SUPERIORITY

In a recent conversation with a thoughtful citizen and churchman we were confronted with a comment on the present military activities which has troubled us. In the course of a luncheon discussion, satisfaction was expressed over the progress the Allies are making in both the Pacific and European areas of conflict. The nearness of an early victory was deemed a probability rather than a fortuitous possibility. But the friend said concerning the bombing operations in which a large portion of the casualties are ci-

vilians, "I am afraid the Christian nations are creating a great handicap for future peaceful relationships with non-Christian peoples." The military tactics pursued during the past year and more have been those of retaliation.

The circumstances which led to the above comments were such as might be found by any pastor when he and a "future-minded" layman drift into a discussion of the proposal that the coming international negotiations should result in a "just and enduring peace." We are in agreement that the present conflict could not be escaped if the world is to be preserved from relapse into an autocracy and to a continuous resort to war. It is agreed that repetition of the conditions that caused the second World War would inevitably produce a third. The preventive lies in changing the ideas from which the policies of nations develop.

A primary requirement for peaceful international relations is regard for a moral factor: one can indicate it with such words as just, equitable, enduring. In a detailed way Mr. Roosevelt outlined its scope by the phrase, "The Four Freedoms." But recognition of the moral factor implies recognition as transgression on the part of any nation that commits an act or embarks upon a policy that disregards the rights of neighbors. Preparation to employ force in order to establish practices and selfish ambitions becomes transgression, and transgression calls for punishment.

The basic wickedness of the Axis powers is their espousal of an untrue ideology and the employment of war to establish it. The suppression of national evils—as of individual evils—is the condition which international peace requires. The citizens of the allied nations must examine the conclusions proposed for agreement at San Francisco this month, in relation to justice and stability, and they must use fully the moral capacity with which they are endowed.

The Family of Faith

By Nathan R. Melhorn

Adult Classes Study History of Abraham and His Posterity

Genesis 12-50; Acts 7: 2-18; Hebrews 11: 8-27. Sunday School Lesson for April 15

THE excerpts of the Scriptures which are assigned for the consideration of "grown-ups" on April 15 are an interesting combination. The general title assigned them, "Pioneers of Faith," attracts one, exciting an expectation that the eleventh chapter of Hebrews—commonly called roll call of the Faith—is presented for studious reading. And those named in that familiar list of heroes are named for collateral reading, but the "main texts" for the day are from Genesis and the Acts of the Apostles.

For the writer's satisfaction, he sought a dictionary definition of the word *pioneer*. The term's origin is somewhat remote. It comes from a Latin word meaning *foot*. In its basic application it was an army word: it meant foot soldiers. More narrowly it was used to designate those who were more than front-line troops: it was used for those who preceded the advance to report on what would be encountered as terrain and occupants. Later those who entered and settled in new areas of land or of ideas were called pioneers.

This title is legitimate for Abraham, who obeyed a call to leave the family home in Ur of the Chaldees and settle in the Jordan valley. Thus he became the pioneer in the enterprise of founding a nation whom God chose for a particular destiny. The character and extent of that destiny is crisply recorded by St. Peter, who wrote, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people" (I Peter 2: 9).

The First Generations

The beginnings of this family of importance, unsurpassed in the annals of humanity, are recorded in the eleventh chapter of Genesis, where we read of one Terah, who lived in Ur of the Chaldees and who "begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran." The experiences of Abraham, his son Isaac, his grandson Jacob, and the sons of Jacob—Joseph among them—were

met in journeys extending westward from the Tigris-Euphrates valley to the Nile basin, and with the final procural of a permanent location for the family's development in the valley of the Jordan. One is tempted to remark upon the fact that the focal point in the transactions was the purchase of a burial place where Sarah, the wife of Abraham, then Abraham, and finally Joseph were buried. The destiny of the chosen people came to its end at another tomb, where the body of their and the world's Messiah lay.

Emphasis on Continuity

One turns by direction of the lesson text from Genesis to The Acts of the Apostle: that is, to the regime of the New Testament. The passage chosen is Luke's record of the trial of one Stephen, a devout man, whom the Jews accused of blasphemy. The character of the evidence against this convert to Christianity is characteristic. It consisted of the testimony of suborned (bribed) men, who said: "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God." Acts 7 is Stephen's address in his own defense. He began with a reference to the call of Abraham by their God, and to Abraham's response by journeying to possession of a land which was destined to be the inheritance of his accusers, a chosen people. He recited the early but familiar history of "our fathers," their entrance into the Jordan valley, their sojourn in Egypt,

the rise of Moses to leadership and his efforts to lead them into possession of what God had promised Abraham that his posterity should receive.

Stephen did not omit a record of their infidelities to this God to whom they owed the place achieved by Israel among nations. He cited their treatment of the prophets, and finally of "the Just One, of whom ye have now been the betrayers and murderers." One does not wonder that Stephen became the first martyr.

The primary function of Bible history is to record the provision of divine grace, which from the time when our first parents were expelled from the Garden of Eden until Jesus came, is continuous. The correct deduction from this attribute is that it is the will of God to take from Satan and evil the possession of being made in His image. The sons of Adam are all those who by the sacrifice and death of His infinite Son are redeemed and made heirs of heaven. Heaven is the everlasting land of promise which Israel's career prefigures.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

April 9-16

- M. God's Promise to Abraham. Genesis 13: 14-18.
T. Living in Tents. Genesis 18: 1-8.
W. Abraham and Isaac. Genesis 22: 1-13.
Th. God's Promise to Isaac. Genesis 26: 23-25.
F. Jacob's Dream. Genesis 28: 10-17.
Sat. Joseph Made Ruler. Genesis 41: 33-40.
S. Pioneers of Faith. Hebrews 11: 17-22.

The Spirit of Eastertide

By SARA ROBERTA GETTY

THIS is the spirit of Eastertide—

Faith in the things we cannot see,
Though there is much that God must hide
Away from the eyes of you and me;
Things now seen as through glass, obscure,
Yet some day will be plain and sure.

We must believe that wars will cease;
Tortured peoples be free again.
We must be sure that blessed peace
Will dwell again in the hearts of men.
Our burdens will lift with faith reborn
By an empty tomb on Easter morn.

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Spirit of faith and hope that stills

Doubts that arise in the hearts of men;

The story of Mt. Calvary thrills

Us with its miracle again;
Faith that kept the disciples true,
Spirit of Eastertide renew.

Help for Service Men

Miami Beach Service Center Needs Two Sewing Machines

IF a service man stationed in or near Miami Beach, Fla., is issued GI trousers or other articles of clothing that are misfits, he has only to go as far as the Lutheran Service Center for alteration service, free.

But the alteration department, which is kept going by women from local co-operating Lutheran churches and has grown by leaps and bounds in its few weeks of activity, is now sorely in need of two additional sewing machines. Because service men are always on the move, the two machines are required to keep pace with the demand for alterations that daily come into the Center.

If you have a sewing machine which could be spared, or if you know of such a one, kindly get in touch with the Service Commission, National Lutheran Council, 915 Metropolitan Bldg., Minneapolis 2, Minnesota.

More than 1,100 service men's uniforms were altered in the first three weeks of the alteration department's activity. Women of the local Lutheran churches come in and give one day a week to fixing the uniforms. Formerly carried on by the British War Relief Society, the alteration work was taken over by the Center, under Service Pastor Paul V. Nelson, when the British Society moved out a couple of months ago to devote some time to sewing for Britain.

Types of alterations include taking in the waists of trousers, taking in the shirts, shortening sleeves, and sewing on chevrons, shoulder patches, and service bars. The work is done without charge; but some of the boys have asked that a box be placed so that they may make donations.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE

By Amos John Traver

HEAVEN OR HELL—Matthew 25:31-46

THE parables of Jesus are easily made to teach too much. They are stories told with dramatic art to illustrate some principle. To understand any of them we should know all of them. More than that; we should know Jesus well enough from the total picture of His life in the Gospels so that we will not make a parable teach something that is foreign to His love and sense of justice.

Opinions may differ with regard to the interpretation of the parable of our lesson, often called the *Parable of the Sheep and the Goats*, or *The Parable of the Last Judgment*. I do not think that it is intended to tell us the form that our final judgment will take; nor do I accept the conclusion that there will be a long sleep from the hour of death until a final, great day of judgment. I recall that Jesus promised the dying thief direct entrance into heaven.

Jesus places our attitude toward Him in the very heart of this parable. He is indicating how that attitude works out into life. When life is lived unselfishly for others, it shares something with Christ. He said the same thing in a different way when He affirmed, "He that is not against me is for me." This, I think, is not the point of the parable. There are other marks of the Christian life besides unselfishness. Is not Jesus here suggesting that we ought to see Him in every human need and meet these needs as though we were meeting His need? This touches our motive for unselfishness. It is the love of Christ that moves us to share with the needy.

Our Judgment

Essentially, we judge ourselves. We must not allow the parable to picture God as a severe judge holding court. We are likely

to forget that God, this Judge, "so loved the world that He gave His Son." This God "was in Christ, reconciling." He is judge only in the sense that He has established the standard of judgment. As we refuse to accept this standard, we doom ourselves. Finally, this standard is not what we do or do not do, but what our attitude is toward Christ. "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." A charitable attitude toward others is the fruit of this love. It is the proof of this love.

We must always think of God as having good will toward us. "He would have all men to be saved." "He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked." Because we are free to choose for or against Him, in spite of all His love could do He cannot save those who will not accept His grace. If He saves us against our will, He would have robots, or slaves, but not sons and daughters in His family.

Sheep and goats are used as figures of the saved and the condemned. Probably they were chosen because sheep were generally white and goats were black. If we pressed the parable literally, sheep could be nothing else but sheep and goats would have to remain just what they were born goats. In life we make the choice whether we will run with the flock or the herd. God's offer of life eternal is given equally to all. It is our response that classifies us.

Heaven and Hell

Milton wrote:

"The mind in its own place, and
in itself,

Can make a heaven of hell, a hell
of heaven."

We speak of mysteries when we speak of either hell or heaven. Are they places? or are they states? Perhaps the most sat-

isfactory description of heaven is in John 14. There it seems to be like a home, where there are many rooms, the Father's home. That which makes it a glorious prospect is not the place, nor the character of the building. It is the home folks, those we love, that make a house a home. Jesus promises, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

Is it not enough to think of heaven as where Christ is, and that the glory of heaven will be eternal fellowship with Him? May we not also find comfort in the prospect of sharing this fellowship with all the children of God? Certainly some of the joy of heaven will be in renewing under perfect conditions fellowship with "loved ones, lost awhile." All this is dependent, not on what we have done in life, but on our motives; not on our service to others, but on our love for Christ.

If this be heaven, what is hell? I find the most satisfying answer in negatives. To doom oneself to eternal fellowship with the unredeemed, where God is not, is punishment worse than the literal fire and brimstone of Dante's inferno. If we could imagine life where there is nothing good, where "every thought of men's hearts is only evil continually," perhaps we might have some faint idea of hell.

Is there escape from hell? There is none promised in God's word. When a man hardens his heart against God's grace, in time he loses the ability to choose the right; he becomes a slave to sin; he no longer has any desire for salvation; he can look upon the cross of Christ and laugh. There will come remorse, but that grows out of fear, and fear creates slaves. The men in the parable who missed their opportunity for unselfish service had become so hard-hearted that they were blind to the need of their neighbors. Only the power of Christ can save us from Satan.

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To LEADERS: Topic date, April 15. Next topic, *Madame Chiang Kai-shek*.

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Camp Trexler

AFTER a successful camping season last year *Camp Trexler* in the Palisades Interstate Park near Southfields, New York, will be open July 7-September 1. Last year 209 different boys from Greater New York and points on Long Island, New York and New Jersey spent from two to eight weeks in camp, averaging 108 boys a week in camp at one time.

This is the fourteenth year of the camp's operation. It was brought to its present flourishing state by the energetic work of the Rev. and Mrs. Edward B. Buller of Pearl River, N. Y., and is now under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. Martin J. Heinecken of Wagner College, Staten Island, N. Y. The camp is sponsored by the Lutheran Boys' Work Foundation, Inc., consisting of a group of laymen and pastors who are interested in providing camping opportunity for the boys of our Church, and give liberally of their time and money to that end. It is named in honor of Dr. Samuel Trexler, one of the founders of the organization and still its most enthusiastic supporter.

Camp Trexler has adequate facilities and offers a complete program of directed outdoor activity in swimming, athletics, nature study, Indian lore, and arts and crafts. The atmosphere is wholesome and Christian. Daily cabin vespers are held, with a full service on Sunday.

Every effort is being made to have as mature a staff of consecrated and efficient leaders as it is possible to get under wartime conditions, and this appeal is made for men who can qualify. No previous camping experience is necessary, but a genuine love for boys and for the out-of-doors, and a willingness to render a Christian service are essential.

Camp Trexler is open to Lutheran boys and their friends who are eight years of age and over. The rates are reasonable. For further information write to Martin J. Heinecken, 3 Wagner College, Staten Island 1, New York.

Maryland Synod News

New Undertakings and Established Successes

By WILSON P. ARD

ACCORDING to Lenten and Easter bulletins received, the pastors of the Maryland Synod carefully and thoughtfully prepared for this season with sermons and messages emphatically setting forth the Christ of the Cross and the open tomb as the only answer to the needs of a sinful world.

The Pre-Lenten Preaching Mission, sponsored by the Washington County Ministerial Association and held in St. John's Sunday school auditorium at Hagerstown, was a great success. Large congregations each night for a week heard inspiring and helpful sermons delivered by Dr. Peter Marshall, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, New York. These missions conducted in Hagerstown for four years have witnessed to the common Christian purpose of the churches and have brought a spiritual blessing to the community.

The Annual Pre-Lenten Retreat of the Maryland Synod was held February 12 in Augsburg Church, Baltimore, the Rev. Fred J. Eckert pastor. Featuring the splendid devotional program were addresses by Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder on "Resources for Lenten Preaching," and by Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen on "The Atonement."

The pastor loci acted as chaplain for the Retreat. The Ordination Service was held in the evening with Dr. B. Clinton Ritz of Waynesboro preaching the sermon on the theme, "A Voice or an Echo?" In the Communion and Ordination services President Keller was assisted by the Rev. W. G. Minnick, statistical secretary of synod; the Rev. J. Frank Fife, secretary of synod; the Rev. Fred J. Eckert, pastor

Augsburg Church; the Rev. Charles J. Hines, president of the Eastern Conference; and the Rev. Luther L. Hare, president of the Western Conference.

From the Congregations

St. Andrew's Church, Capitol Heights, on February 18 had the largest attendance and the greatest number of communicants in the history of the church. The Evangelism Committee of the church is busily engaged in visiting inactive members and families in the district who are not affiliated with any congregation. The Rev. Donald R. Clare, pastor of this congregation, recently addressed the Columbia Park Citizens' Association on Luther's interpretation of the Ten Commandments.

The Midweek Lenten Services of *St. Luke Church, Silver Spring*, R. C. Sorrick, D.D., pastor, were held in Grace Episcopal Church. This was the first time that the congregation had opportunity to worship in a churchly setting. The splendid new St. Luke Church is in process of erection and will, when completed, provide commodious and attractive facilities for worship and for community service.

The Girls' Choir of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frederick, the Rev. Wouter Van Garrett pastor, on February 18 presented a splendid recital to a large congregation. The choir is directed by Mrs. Garrett. More than 250 people enjoyed a fine dinner, excellent program and good fellowship February 19, when the Men's Club of the Frederick Church held its annual Ladies' Night. This active congregation contributes \$1,000 a year for the support of Pastor and Mrs. Paul H. Gleichman, missionaries in India.

A Brotherhood was organized in *Elias Church, Emmitsburg*, the Rev. Philip M.

Bower pastor. The congregation has completed the payment of the indebtedness on the parish house erected in 1930. This is Mr. Bower's only pastorate.

St. Peter's and St. Paul's churches of the *Clear Spring Parish*, the Rev. Luther L. Hare pastor, have for the second year in succession overpaid their apportionment by 10 percent, and for the first time held midweek annual congregational meetings. White and violet paraments have been given as memorials in Mt. Tabor Church.

The annual reports of St. John's and St. Benjamin's churches of the *Salem Parish* indicated an increase of 40 percent in benevolence giving in 1944 as compared with the record of 1942. The Rev. Willis R. Brenneman is pastor of this charge.

St. John's, Thurmont, the Rev. Charles H. Corbett pastor, recently redecored the interior of the church, installed cathedral lanterns and placed new carpet at a cost of \$5,000. Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz, president of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, preached at the morning service, and Dr. W. C. Waltemyer, a former pastor, delivered the sermon at Vespers. The entire cost of rededication was in hand before the day of rededication.

Members of St. John's Church, Hagerstown, rejoiced Sunday morning, March 11, when *Pastor J. Edward Harms, D.D.*, returned to the pulpit after an absence of four months. He underwent several operations in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and this was followed by a long period of convalescence.

Installation Services

The Rev. Morris G. Zumbrun, recently called to the pastorate of the Jefferson Parish, was ordained and installed at a service held in St. Paul's Church March 4. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. L. H. Rehmyer of Manchester. Dr. Lloyd M. Keller, president of the Maryland Synod, addressed the congregation

and conducted the ordination and installation services. The Rev. J. Frank Fife, secretary of synod, was liturgist. The three congregations of the parish were well represented and a delegation from Pastor Zumbrun's home church at Manchester attended the service. Renovation of the parsonage at Jefferson has been made at a cost of \$1,500.

The Rev. Edward R. Bley was installed as pastor of Zion Church, Washington, February 28. The charge to the congregation was delivered by President L. M. Keller and the charge to the pastor was given by the Rev. James T. Powers of Baltimore.

The Rev. Francis R. Bell was installed as pastor of the Smithsburg Parish March 11 at 8 P. M. The installation was conducted by Dr. Lloyd M. Keller, president of the Maryland Synod. The Rev. Luther L. Hare of the Clear Spring Parish, president of the Western Conference, delivered the charge to the new pastor, and President Keller addressed the congregation. The Rev. Raymond M. Miller of the Funks-town Parish was liturgist.

Personal

Chaplain Donald Stonesifer, former pastor of the Smithsburg Parish, is reported a prisoner of war of the German government. He was listed as missing on December 16, the day the Germans launched their counter-offensive.

Harry C. Erdman, D.D., entered the Frederick Hospital in January for surgical treatment. Sufficiently recovered, he returned to his pulpit February 18. In April, Dr. Erdman will complete his thirtieth year as pastor of the Burkittsville Parish.

Three congregations of the Jefferson Parish recently joined in a farewell social for the Rev. and Mrs. George H. Seiler, and presented them with a gift of money in grateful appreciation of their service for seventeen years. Pastor Seiler has accepted a call to the Lineboro Parish.

Allentown Conference News

"No More Bingo in Lehigh County"; Anniversary Services

By WARREN C. HEINLY

SOME of the problems facing rural churches in view of a population trend toward the city and defense industries were discussed at a Rural Church Institute held in Trinity Church, Reading, under the sponsorship of the Board of Home Missions of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Among the pastors and laymen of the Allentown Conference attending were the Rev. Harvey T. Sell, the Rev. Charles Ruloff, the Rev. Elmer S. Kidd, the Rev. Carl Neudoerffer, the Rev. Warren C. Heinly, and Mr. Frank Stettler.

Good News

"There will be no more bingo in Lehigh County," District Attorney Theodore R. Gardner announced February 28 as he ordered all operators to close shop immediately and get out of town. Said Mr. Gardner, "We're not going to tolerate this kind of thing in Lehigh County as long as I am district attorney. Lehigh County always has been a clean county and we mean to keep it clean."

He claims that an investigation revealed that one establishment paid as high as \$1,500 in cash in a single night and \$300 in one game. "We complain of juvenile delinquency," he said, "and as a community we are trying to do all in our power to stamp it out by keeping our house in order and providing a proper environment for our youth. Yet I am told that on a Saturday night a nine-year-old girl won \$150 at a bingo game in Allentown. That's going the limit. Nothing can encourage gambling more than to offer children such prizes and permit them to try to win at bingo."

Anniversary Services

William C. Schaeffer, D.D., pastor of St. John's Church, Allentown, celebrated the

twenty-sixth anniversary of his pastorate of the 91-year-old central city congregation February 4. Preaching on "The Ministry," Dr. Schaeffer related his experiences of more than a quarter of a century to show the meaning, the challenge, and the joys of a life in the service of the church. Last year the congregation called the Rev. Clifton Weihe as assistant pastor and director of religious education.

Plans for the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the *Church of the Redeemer, Allentown*, the Rev. Walther Williams pastor, were discussed at the annual meeting of the congregation. The congregation was founded in November 1925 with ten charter members; and now numbers 471. Mr. Weinsheimer, the treasurer, announced that during the year \$3,500 had been paid on indebtedness and that during the past three years over \$17,000 had been contributed for renovations and debt reduction.

The *Women's Missionary Society of St. John's Church, Allentown*, celebrated the fifty-eighth anniversary of its organization at a supper program February 13. Mrs. William Berkemeyer of Bethlehem spoke on "The Post-war Church in Asia."

St. Matthew's Church, Allentown, Fred C. Wunder, D.D., pastor, celebrated the fifty-fifth anniversary of its organization February 25. The congregation has taken steps to renovate the church and parsonage during 1945. Dr. Wunder reported that an increase of 10 percent in Sunday school attendance had been attained during 1944.

The *Missionary Society of St. Joseph's Church, Allentown*, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization February 6. Speakers were Mrs. Warren C. Heinly, president of the Allentown Con-

ference society, and Sister Esther Bunge of St. John's Church, Easton, Pa.

The Rev. Ralph R. Hartzell, at the congregational meeting of *Holy Trinity Church, Northampton*, through his report indicated that since his pastorate, beginning October 1, 1942, the congregation's indebtedness has been reduced from \$38,000 to \$20,000; benevolence paid has increased from \$48 in 1942 to \$720 in 1944; minimum quotas for Lutheran World Action in 1943 and 1944 were met; 86 new members have been added to the rolls; a Luther League has been organized; and a junior choir of 33 voices leads the worship at a monthly children's service. A set of chimes as a memorial to Lieut. David F. Schaeffer was presented to the congregation in September 1944. The congregation is looking forward to the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary in 1947. The present communing membership is 293.

Recognition Service

The spirit with which churches of the Allentown Conference follow their sons and daughters to training camps and battlefields was evidenced again when *St. Joseph Church, Allentown*, held the fourth recognition service for its 140 members in the armed forces. Pastor Edward G. Schmickel presented the parents with the service medal provided by the National Lutheran Council.

Vestments—including cassock, surplice, and four seasonal stoles—the gift of the church council of Apple's Church, were

dedicated by Pastor D. D. Kistler at a service February 11. Guest preacher was the Rev. E. E. Bieber of Springtown who recently returned to civilian life after three years' service as an army chaplain, chiefly in the South Pacific area.

Rededication of *Christ Church, Free-mansburg*, the Rev. Earl Kreidler pastor, was observed with special services March 11. Emil E. Fischer, D.D., president of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, preached. At a service on March 14, the four sons of the congregation brought greetings: Floyd L. Eichner, D.D., Philadelphia; the Rev. Clifford E. Eichner, Elmira, N. Y.; the Rev. Malcolm E. Eichner, Philadelphia; and the Rev. Adam E. Polcrack, Port Carbon, Pa.

Pastor Luther B. Klick of the Plainfield Parish reports the largest communing membership during the present pastorate of eighteen years. During 1944, 708 members have participated in the Lord's Supper.

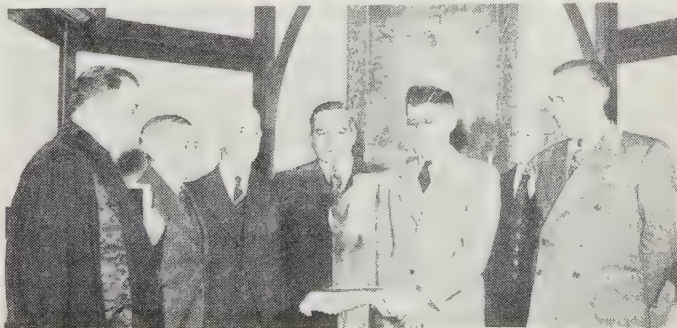
Two special services were held March 4 at *St. James Church, Allentown*. In the morning the congregation marked the thirty-second anniversary of the church, and in the evening a bond-burning service was held to signify the liquidation of the mortgage which has been carried by the congregation since 1917. The congregation is now laying plans for renovation of the present building.

Personal

The Rev. Conrad Raker, superintendent of the Good Shepherd Home, was the

MORTGAGE BURNING AT ST. JAMES CHURCH, ALLENTOWN

(L. to r.) The Rev. Raymond J. Heckman; Fred P. Ehrhard, mortgage campaign manager; R. Herbert Gregory, who burned the mortgage; Roy H. Shiffert, Harry Graver, Fred Schneck, and Edwin Kurtz, of the church council



speaker at the January meeting of the Home's Auxiliary. He spoke of his trip to Kent Island in the Bay of Fundy in Canada during the summer, as the guest of Dr. Ernest Gross, Bowdoin College professor. The island was given to the college for the study of birds, and the speaker described the colony of 10,000 birds of forty different species on the island. The president, Mrs. Frank C. Diefenderfer, announced that there are now 425 members on the roster of the auxiliary.

Glenn G. Neubauer, son of Mrs. Eva Neubauer of Allentown, received his B.D. degree from Gettysburg Seminary February 16. Mr. Neubauer has accepted a call to the Church of Our Saviour, Coatesville, and began his pastorate February 25.

Pastor L. M. Bond of the New Tripoli Parish, reports that he confirmed seventeen young people at Jacob's Church, Jacksonville, this fall, the largest class in ten years, and eight at New Jerusalem, the largest class in eight years. Through the class offerings appropriate gifts were presented to their respective churches and were dedicated at the confirmation service: at Jacob's Church, a Communion corporal and veil and a set of imported French altar service bookmarkers; at New Jerusalem Church a baptismal bowl. The pastor also dedicated a black silk robe, the gift of the five congregations and several friends of the parish.

Paying tribute to Dr. William L. Katz at the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of his pastorate at St. Luke's Church, Allentown, were the Rev. Richard F. Garnet, a son of the congregation, now pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Atlantic City, and Dr. Corson C. Snyder, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Bethlehem. The congregation presented Dr. Katz with a purse, a leather case and a fountain pen. Dr. and Mrs. Katz were presented with flowers from the church organizations.

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, professor at the Philadelphia Seminary, will be the speaker at the Allentown Exchange Club March 20.

The Rev. William F. Wunder, son of Dr. Frederick C. Wunder of St. Matthew Church, Allentown, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Tannersville Parish, comprised of four congregations in the Stroudsburg area. Mr. Wunder was graduated from Gettysburg Seminary February 16.

Mrs. Annie T. Laubach of Catasauqua, mother of two Lutheran pastors and a student in the seminary, passed away February 25 after being in failing health since November. Her three sons are the Rev. Robert A. Laubach of the Fogelsville Parish; Howard E. Laubach, II, who was graduated from the Philadelphia Seminary February 27; and James A. Laubach, ministerial student at Muhlenberg College.

Canadian Cameo

President F. C. Fry Visits Canada Synod

By NORMAN BERNER

Dr. Franklin C. Fry made his first visit to the Canada Synod since becoming president of the ULCA. The occasion of his visit, February 25, was the fifteenth anniversary of "Golden Hours," the weekly Sunday broadcast of the service of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Kitchener, John Schmieder, D.D., pastor. For fifteen years this broadcast has brought blessing to many shut-ins and sick folk.

Following the broadcast, the radio committee of St. Matthew's tendered a complimentary dinner to Dr. Fry and officials of the synod. As a token of esteem and loyalty to the new president, Dr. J. H. Reble, president of the synod, presented Dr. Fry with a crucifix, with the figure of Christ exquisitely hand-carved by a local workman. Concerning the presentation, the *Kitchener Record* reported: "Rev. Dr. Fry, serious young head of the United Lutheran Church in America, flashed one of his heart-warming smiles, and assured

the donors that the gift would have a place in the Church House in New York City."

That same afternoon, Dr. Fry addressed a united service of Twin City Lutherans in St. Matthew's Church. He urged his listeners to take a strong stand against scoffers, especially those who say they are religious but have no use for the church. The man who says, "I am good and have no need of the church," is the devil's easy mark.

Speaking of the place of the church in the post-war world, Dr. Fry said: "How shall man be reconciled? Not by business nor science nor education, but through the church, the only mother of us all."

Assisting in the service were the pastors of the four Twin City churches: Dr. John Schmieder, St. Matthew's; the Rev. A. W. Lotz, St. Peter's; the Rev. A. G. Jacobi, St. Mark's; and the Rev. C. S. Roberts, St. John's, Waterloo. Others on the platform for the service were the officers of the synod: Dr. J. H. Reble, president; Dr. C. H. Little, secretary; the Rev. H. R. Mosig, treasurer; Dr. H. T. Lehmann, president of Waterloo College and Seminary; Capt. Julius Neff, chaplain at the C.W.A.C. training center in Kitchener; and the Rev. Walter Goos, chaplain of the Royal Canadian Navy, Vancouver, B. C.

Prior to the opening of the afternoon service, W. H. Bishop, Sarnia, gave a half-hour recital on the magnificent new organ at St. Matthew's. Clarence Totzke, the church organist, was at the console for the service. Albert J. Packer directed the singing of the massed chorus of Twin City choirs.

Canada Branch LSAA

The Lutheran Students' Association of America now has a branch in Ontario with activities centering around the Lutheran College and Seminary at Waterloo. Organization took place at a week-end conference in January. Dr. C. P. Harry, adviser of the LSAA, explained the aims of the group. "We have a threefold purpose," he said, "which includes relief for physical, spiritual and moral needs of university

students, reconstruction for building Christian lives and pioneering for the extension of Christian life among students throughout the world."

Other speakers were Dr. H. T. Lehmann, president of Waterloo College, who termed the meeting "a historic event in the lives of Lutheran students in Ontario," and Dr. R. M. Ranson of the Student Council Movement in Canada, Toronto. Dean C. F. Klinck and Prof. James Rikard of the college faculty conducted discussion groups.

Officers of the new association are: President, Robert Langen, Waterloo College; Shirley Demerling, University of Western Ontario, London; and John Reble, McMaster University, Hamilton.

Organ Dedicated

Six years ago, *St. Mark Church, Kitchener*, the Rev. A. G. Jacobi pastor, dedicated a new church and placed in it an organ from the congregation's former place of worship, the old First English Lutheran Church. February 11 they dedicated a two manual Casavant Pipe Organ of 21 stops and new chancel woodwork comprising an organ screen, reredos and paneling. The entire cost—\$8,500—was met by dedication day.

The organ itself was made possible through gifts of members and friends. The screen, paneling and reredos are a memorial to the late W. T. Saas, a faithful member and benefactor of the congregation. The organ chimes are a gift to the church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jacobi, and were presented by their children.

Dr. John Schmieder, pastor of St. Matthew's, Kitchener, was guest preacher at the dedication service. The Rev. A. J. Datars, St. Luke's, Sunnyside, preached at vespers. St. Mark's own organist, Mr. Fred Lincke, was at the console, and with Mr. J. Mahn, choir director, was responsible for the special music for the day.

Fortieth Anniversary

Redeemer Church, Montreal, was the first of a number of English missions planted on the territory of the Canada

Synod by Dr. M. J. Bieber. That was in 1905. This year the congregation celebrated its fortieth anniversary by burning the first mortgage on its property. Those participating in the ceremony were Mr. W. T. Peterson, president of the church council and a member of Redeemer's first confirmation class; Mrs. G. Tergesen, 95 years of age and oldest member of the congregation; and Elsie Nystrom, one of the youngest of the Sunday school children. Dr. H. T. Lehmann, president of Waterloo College and Seminary, was guest speaker.

An anniversary booklet was published, giving various data of the congregation. Eleven pastors, including the present one, the Rev. Fred Neudoerffer, have served Redeemer. More than thirty men and

women have gone out of the church to serve their King and country.

St. Matthew's Church, Welland, the Rev. Fred Mueller pastor, held Lenten services for children Wednesday afternoons. Attendance was good. A peace thank offering amounted to \$325.

Greek by Mail!

That's the offer of Dr. H. L. Creager of the Waterloo Seminary faculty to the pastors of synod. A reading course in the New Testament has been outlined and the professor will correspond with any who have difficulties in recognizing verb forms, etc. "A few hours spent regularly in such work will produce good dividends," says Dr. Creager.

Pottsville Conference News

Well-attended Services and Progress in Congregations

By A. E. POLCRACK

A FERVENT plea for Lutherans in America to become actively engaged in promoting the welfare of their brethren throughout the world has become the springboard for the Lutheran World Action campaign of the Pottsville Conference. A stirring message by Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker, director of the Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council, was heard by more than 1,000 people who assembled in Trinity Church, Pottsville. Most of the fifty congregations of the conference were represented.

Striving to surpass its accomplishment of a year ago—first to go "over the top" in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and the only conference where every congregation reached or exceeded its goal—the Pottsville Conference has gotten off to a good start. Zion Church, Frackville, the Rev. W. L. Gallenkamp pastor, has already sent to the synodical treasurer 101 percent of its 1945 quota. Several other congregations are well on the way to successful completion of their goals. Members of the

LWA committee are the Revs. A. E. Polcrack, Port Carbon, director; C. E. Huegel, Orwigsburg; C. C. Schlitzer, Tamaqua; R. M. Heiberger, Shenandoah; F. S. Blank, Leck Kill; and J. E. Youse, Pine Grove.

Property Improvement

Christ Church, 115-year-old congregation of the *Quakake Parish*, recently held a rededication service upon the completion of extensive renovations. Pastor R. M. Heiberger was assisted at the service by Pastor Gomer Rees, Allentown, and the Rev. A. C. Thompson, pastor of the Reformed congregation of Christ Church.

New chancel furnishings were dedicated at *Emanuel Church, Nuremberg*, by Pastor Luther K. Mohr. They included pulpit, lectern, clergy stalls, choir pews and choir screens. Other improvements include renovation of chancel and altar. Pastor Mohr was assisted in the service by a former pastor of the church, the Rev. A. E. Grove, Jr., of the Ridge Valley Parish.

An altar has been installed and dedicated in *St. Paul's Church, Middleport*, by the Rev. A. E. Polcrack. The altar, originally a memorial in *St. Paul's Church, Port Carbon*, was presented to the Middleport congregation by the heirs of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Millington, Sr., to whose memory the altar had been placed in the *Port Carbon Church*.

St. John's Church, Auburn, recently burned a fifteen-year-old mortgage on the parsonage. Participating in the service were Pastor Walter J. Drumm; Mr. Fred-eric V. Filbert, treasurer of the congregation; Mr. Alvin C. Fryer, vice-president of the council; and Mr. Cyrus Mohl, council member when the parsonage was built.

St. John's Church, Tamaqua, the Rev. G. J. Martin pastor, has begun plans for complete revision of the educational system of the congregation. The plans call for sound-picture equipment, recreational facilities, and departmentalization of the Sunday school.

Group Meetings

A *Pre-Lenten Retreat for Pastors* was held at *St. Paul's Church, Port Carbon*, with the administration of Holy Communion by the conference officers, President F. L. Hemmig and Secretary F. S. Blank. The sermon was preached by the Rev. D. I. Sultzbach, Ph.D., *Valley View*. During the afternoon session, three meditations were presented. Pastor E. R. Acker of *Schuylkill Haven* spoke on "The Agony in the Garden"; Pastor C. C. Schlitzer of *Tamaqua*, "The Agony Over Unfaithful Disciples"; and Pastor J. E. Youse of *Pine Grove*, "The Agony on the Cross."

Lenten Services for Children are being held every Friday afternoon at *Trinity Church, Pottsville*, and *St. Paul's Church, Port Carbon*. Meditations are based on famous paintings, copies of which are presented to all who attend.

A *Pre-Confirmation Rally for Catechumens* of the conference will be held in

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Trinity Church, Pottsville, on Passion Sunday. The Rev. Charles Moser, pastor of *St. John's Church, Phoenixville*, a spiritual son of *Trinity Church* and popular young people's speaker, will preach.

News of Pastors

The Rev. Robert M. Heiberger, former pastor of the *Quakake Parish*, has been installed as pastor of *St. John's Church, Shenandoah*, by Emil E. Fischer, D.D., president of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He succeeds the Rev. William E. Nye, chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

The Rev. Oscar Weber, assistant pastor of *Trinity Church, Pottsville*, is the third member of the *Pottsville Conference* to enter the chaplaincy. He is enrolled in the *Chaplains' School* at *William and Mary College, Virginia*. *Trinity Church* has sent 395 men and women into the armed forces; and there are eleven gold stars on the service flag.

The Rev. F. L. Hemmig, Tremont, was host to members of the *Pottsville Conference Pastoral Association* at the February meeting. Books were reviewed by Pastors E. W. Weber, C. M. Kern, and L. K. Mohr. Felicitations were extended to Edwin Smoll, D.D., pastor emeritus of *Christ Church, Schuylkill Haven*, upon the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination. Dr. Smoll is listed as No. 1 on the roll of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

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The Rev. Auburn F. Bowers of the Giles Charge of the Virginia Synod resigned this pastorate to enter the Army Chaplains' School at Fort Devens. He is the eleventh chaplain from this synod.

South Carolina News

Sunday School Evangelism and Lutheran World Action

By WYNNE C. BOLIEK

THE Lenten season found pastors and congregations busy with additional services, witnessing, and working to make this period as fruitful as possible for the Church. The ingathering of new members came on Palm Sunday when classes were received by confirmation and adult members by letter of transfer, adult baptism, and confirmation.

During the recent meeting of the South Carolina Synod, President and Mrs. Karl W. Kinard gave a delightful informal reception honoring Dr. Franklin Clark Fry and Dr. W. H. Greever. This occasion was attended by the pastors, lay delegates, and visitors of the convention.

Synod's New Treasurer

The first meeting of the Executive Board of synod for the year was held at the Lutheran Publication House in Columbia on the morning of February 22. The board reviewed matters referred to it by the synod and made plans for promoting several causes in the near future. At this meeting, Mr. J. B. Ballentine of Batesburg gave his answer accepting election as treasurer of synod. He will likely assume the duties of this office April 1. He succeeds Mr. R. Torrence of Greenville who had served so acceptably for sixteen years, but asked to be relieved of this responsibility.

John L. Yost, D.D., of Atlanta, Ga., moved to Columbia with his family the last of February and took up his duties as president of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary March 1. He succeeds Dr. E. C. Cooper, who had served the seminary in this capacity for the past five years.

Facts and figures giving statistics on progress for Mt. Calvary and St. John's

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Churches, Johnston, the Rev. E. K. Counts pastor, show good results. The large percentage of increases in support of the benevolent causes of the Church shows that pastor and people "have a mind to work" in advancing God's Kingdom.

Sunday School Evangelism

The Lutheran churches of Columbia sponsored a simultaneous effort in Sunday School Evangelism during Lent. This program was proposed by the Evangelism Committee of the Columbia Social Missions Society headed by Dr. H. A. McCullough, Sr. The Sunday school superintendents, together with two additional workers from each of the schools, were called into a conference at which the program was outlined. Emphasized in this program are greater spiritual emphasis in teaching of the Sunday school lesson; efforts to enlist the whole congregation in the Sunday school, and the whole Sunday school in the church; and reaching all others who should be brought into the schools. This is an effort to reach the children, youth, and adults in church areas.

Plans are going forward throughout the synod for the *Lutheran World Action Appeal*. The synodical director is the Rev. C. K. Derrick of Charleston. For the past two years this synod has gone "over the top" in these appeals.

Three students recently graduated from our Lutheran Seminary have assumed their duties as pastors in this synod. *William Richard Fritz* in the Whitmire-Union Parish; *James Cobb* in the St. Michael's-St. Andrew's Parish; and *James Wessinger* in the Saluda Parish.

Gift to Wittenberg College

To the list of special benefactors of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, the names of *Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ault* of Van Wert, Ohio, have been added. Just prior to Christmas they deeded to the college upon a modest annuity basis a farm of 164 acres in Paulding County, Ohio,

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By HERMAN L. HEIM

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A congregation that voiced its unanimous desire for their pastor to remain another twenty years, honored the Rev. Wilbur M. Allison on the observance of his twentieth anniversary as pastor of Grace Church, Mount Carmel. During the past year a small remaining indebtedness on the property was paid, also the full apportionment for Lutheran World Action. A balance of \$1,500 remains in the treasury. From this congregation there are 83 members in the country's service, three of whom have paid the supreme sacrifice.

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A School of Missions

was sponsored by *Trinity and Grace Churches, Shamokin*, and proved a great success. Dr. Harold C. Fry averaged each evening's attendance at 90. A school in leadership training was held for the entire area with a registration of 157 persons, of whom 90 completed the several courses and received course cards.

An organization meeting of the *Luther Leagues of the Williamsport Area* took place on the evening of March 2 in *St. John Church*, the Rev. L. G. Shannon pastor. A rally will be held every other month in the area to stimulate interest in the work of the League and to bring about a better fellowship between the young

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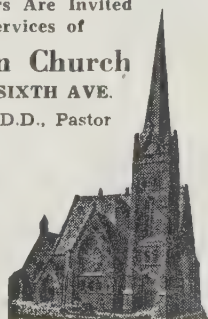
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An illuminated cross in memory of Sgt. Allen Gruver, a member of the congregation, was dedicated in *St. John's (Brick) Church, Montgomery*, by Pastor Adam Bingham.

Commencement at Muhlenberg College

At the midwinter commencement of Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, Pa., the speaker was Dr. Joseph W. Barker, special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and, in civilian life, dean of the engineering faculty of Columbia University. Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker, director of the Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council, preached the baccalaureate sermon. Chaplain John W. Doberstein, D.D., of the college was liturgist; Dean Robert C. Horn presented the candidates for degrees, and the degrees were conferred by President Levering Tyson. Ten young men received the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees.

Honorary degrees were conferred as follows: *Doctor of Divinity*, the Rev. Peter N. Wohlsen, pastor of St. John's, Stroudsburg, Pa.; *Doctor of Letters*, N. M. Ylvisaker, D.D.; *Doctor of Humane Letters*, Sister Anna K. Ebert, directing Sister of the Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses and Director of Nurses at Lankenau Hospital, and Joseph Warren Barker; *Doctor of Laws*, Mr. Peter P. Hagan, businessman of Philadelphia.

Twenty-five Years in Harlem

New York, N. Y. The Church of the Transfiguration, whose membership is composed principally of Lutherans from the Virgin Islands, observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding in Harlem on three Sundays in March. At the special anniversary services addresses were delivered by Zenan M. Corbe, D.D., senior pastor, and executive secretary of the Board of American Missions; F. R. Knubel, D.D., president of the United Synod of New York; J. A. Weyl, D.D., and the Rev. Paul E. West.

The first services were held under the auspices of the West Indies Board in the YWCA building on West 137th Street. In 1923 the present property at 74 West 126th Street was acquired from the Swedish Lutheran Church. Pastor Paul E. West has been connected with the church since its founding. While a student at Wagner College and at the Philadelphia Seminary he served as an assistant. After his ordination in 1928 he took full charge of the work.

The present church roll includes 500 communicant members with 270 scholars in the Sunday school. The catechetical classes have always been large, one year numbering 53. This year 31 were confirmed on Palm Sunday. A special offering was received toward the reduction of the mortgage indebtedness. One son of the congregation, the Rev. S. Lewis, has entered the ministry and is serving as chaplain in the armed forces.

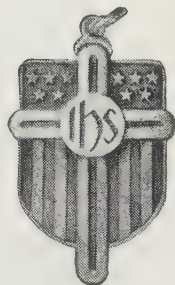
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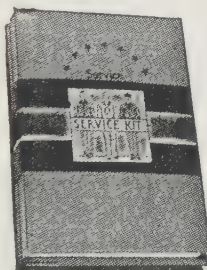
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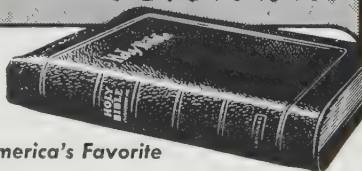
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Anniversary Year for Dr. and Mrs. Leitzell

THE year 1945 is an unusual one for the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Leitzell of Oneonta, N. Y., for they celebrated their seventy-fifth birthday and their golden wedding anniversary. Their daughters and son honored them on the evening of March 2, their golden wedding anniversary, with a reception at the Leitzell home with 125 guests present.

Dr. and Mrs. Leitzell were overwhelmed by greetings, letters, flowers and gifts from friends, former parishes—First Church, Murphysboro, Ill.; First Church, Newton, Iowa; First Church, Albany, N. Y.; St. John's Church, Johnstown, N. Y.—and from Hartwick College and its Board of Trustees and alumni.

The year 1945 also marks the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Leitzell's ordination to the ministry.

Two Sons of Congregation Figure in Ordination Service

The Rev. Robert G. Binkley was graduated from Hamma Divinity School at its recent commencement, and was ordained by the Synod of Ohio in his home church, St. Mark, Ada, Ohio, by President G. W. Miley. Dr. Nathan R. Melhorn, editor of THE LUTHERAN, the first son of the congregation to enter the ministry, delivered the sermon on this occasion. Mr. Binkley has accepted a call to the Adamsville Parish of the Ohio Synod.

Congregations

At a recent meeting of the members of St. Michael's Church of Kensington, Philadelphia, Pa., the constitution was amended so that the title of the church was changed from St. Michael's German Evangelical

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Dr. Botsford has served three congregations during his ministry—the Northumberland Charge, and Holy Trinity Church, Berwick, in Pennsylvania, and St. John's, Cumberland, Md. He has em-

ployed usefully the years since 1930 when he retired from a parish ministry and moved to Florida.

Staten Island, N. Y. Trinity Church reports 1,105 contributing members, as of a survey for 1945. The estimated amount pledged for this year is \$13,500 for current expenses and \$4,700 for benevolence. The mortgage on the property was reduced by \$10,000 in March. Men and women in the country's service number 346. The pastors of this active congregation are Dr. Fred-eric Sutter and his son, the Rev. Carl J. Sutter.

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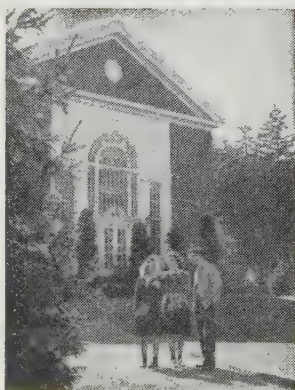
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The Rev. Ervin T. Beaver resigned as pastor of Grace Church, Laurel, Miss., February 15, to accept the call of the National Lutheran Council as service pastor at the Lutheran Service Center in Hattiesburg, Miss. Mr. Beaver came to Laurel in 1941 to serve a mission congregation. During his pastorate the congregation has paid off all debts and is now the only self-supporting congregation in the synod. Mr. Beaver began his new work March 19.

The Rev. Robert C. Davis resigned as pastor of Tinicum Memorial Church, Essington, Pa., February 28. His pastorate of St. John Church, Ocean City, N. J., began March 1.

THE twenty-fifth anniversary of the ministry at St. Johannes Church, Charleston, S. C., of *I. Ernest Long, D.D.*, was observed at a special service in St. Johannes March 4. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Karl W. Kinard, president of the South Carolina Synod.

Dr. Long was ordained by the South Carolina Synod in 1910, and served parishes at Pomaria, S. C.; Mooresville, N. C.; and at Winston-Salem, N. C.; prior to his pastorate in Charleston which began in 1920. Dr. Long is also active in civic affairs.

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SYNODS

The ninety-eighth annual convention of the *Indiana Synod* will be held in St. Mark's Church, Auburn, Ind., May 7-9. The opening service of Holy Communion will be held Monday at 10.30 A. M. Reservations for entertainment should be sent to the pastor loci, the Rev. Allen K. Trout. G. Charles Goering, Sec.

The ninety-first annual convention of the *United Lutheran Synod in Iowa* will be held in Trinity Church, Sioux City, Iowa, Walter A. Voss, D.D., pastor, April 23-25. Synod will open with the Service of Holy Communion at 4.00 P. M., Monday, April 23.

Ralph M. Krueger, Sec.

The seventy-seventh annual convention of the *Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States* will be held in Christ Church, Eureka, Kan., the Rev. R. E. Gaston pastor, April 10-12. The first session will be The Service and the Holy Communion Tuesday morning, April 10, beginning at 9.00 A. M. George L. Search, Sec.

The twelfth annual convention of the *Kentucky-Tennessee Synod* will be held at Trinity Church, Louisville, Ky., Ira R. Ladd, D.D., pastor, May 23 and 24. The convention will open at 9 A. M. with the Service and Holy Communion. Lorin L. Spenny, Sec.

The fifty-sixth annual convention of the *Synod in the Midwest* will be held in First Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., the Rev. F. H. Bloch pastor, April 25-29. The opening service will be held Wednesday, April 25, at 8.00 P. M. This will be the Communion Service, with Pastor Herman Goede, president of synod, preaching the sermon.

Lorin John Wolff, Sec.

The seventy-third annual convention of the *Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska* will be held in Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr., April 9, 10, 11. Communion Service, April 9, at 2 P. M.

The synodical Brotherhood Convention and banquet will be held following the Communion Service. Theodore J. C. Schuldt, Sec.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the *Synod of Ohio* will be held in First Church, Springfield, Ohio, the Rev. John W. Rilling, pastor, May 21-24.

The convention will open with the Service of Holy Communion, Monday, May 21, at 2.00 P. M. George W. Miley, D.D., president of the synod, will deliver the opening sermon.

Carveth Pearn Mitchell, Sec.

The *Examining Committee of the Synod of Ohio* will hold a pre-convention meeting in First Church, Springfield, Ohio, Monday, May 21, at 10.30 A. M.

All applicants for examination for ordination and any others desiring to appear before the committee are hereby requested to be present at that time. D. Bruce Young, Chm.

The fifty-fourth annual convention of the *Rocky Mountain Synod* will be held April 24-26 in Trinity Church, Boulder, Colo., the Rev. John F. Futchs pastor. The Holy Communion will be administered at the opening service, 7.45 P. M., April 24. John F. Futchs, Sec.

The ninety-third annual convention of the *Evangelical Lutheran Texas Synod* will be held April 22-24 in St. Andrew's Church, Weesatche, Texas, the Rev. George Perry pastor. Holy Communion Service Jubilate Sunday at 8.00 P. M. Louis H. de Freese, Sec.



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WOMEN'S MEETINGS

The fifty-fifth annual convention of the *Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States* will be held at St. Paul's Church, 839 North Market St., Wichita, Kan., April 9-11.

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Synod will hold its annual spring conference Thursday, May 3, in Trinity Church, Germantown Avenue and Queen Lane, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., the Rev. Frank H. Clutz pastor. Sessions at 1:30 and 7:30 P. M.

Pauline L. Bressler, Sec.

The spring convention of the *Women's Missionary Society of the Chicago Conference of the Illinois Synod* will be held Tuesday, April 17, at Wicker Park Church, Hoyne Avenue and LeMoyné Street, Chicago, the Rev. Charles L. Venable pastor, from 10:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.

The convention theme is "Sealed Orders" based on Hebrews 11:8. The afternoon session will be given over to an hour of fellowship, with a closing devotional period and homeward thought by Sister Geraldine.

Julia B. Hansen, Sec.

CONFERENCE

The *Western Conference of the United Synod of New York* will meet for its spring convention Tuesday, April 10, at Grace Church, Rochester, N. Y. The sessions open with a Communion Service at 10 A. M. and continue through the evening.

Robert W. Stackel, Sec.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Dora Jenkins Holman

At the age of eighty-three, *Mrs. Dora Jenkins Holman* passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Beulah Harris, in Chattanooga, Tenn., March 9. Her grandfather, the Rev. William Jenkins, was instrumental in establishing First Lutheran Church in Nashville.

Besides her daughter she is survived by two sons, one grandson, and a brother, R. W. Jenkins, of Normandy, Tenn.

Services were conducted by I. W. Gernert, D.D., and burial took place at Fayetteville, Tenn.
I. W. G.

RESOLUTIONS

Arthur H. Smith, D.D.

The council and congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ashland, Ohio, grateful for the high privilege of Christian fellowship with the Rev. *Arthur H. Smith, D.D.*, and wishing to express their esteem for this faithful servant of Christ who has been called into the Church Triumphant, do hereby present the following resolutions:

Whereas, *Dr. Arthur H. Smith* served this congregation as pastor with devotion and zeal for forty-six years, and

Whereas, his beautiful character and Christ-like spirit have been a blessing to the church and to the community, and

Whereas, his service to the church at large has been both valuable and varied, serving as editor, president of synod, member of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, author, lecturer, and director of Wittenberg College, and

Whereas, his ministry has been a rare blessing to us all,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we give thanks unto God for His bountiful goodness in sending Dr. Smith to minister among us, that we commend his family to the blessed comfort of Almighty God and the hope of eternal life, that we record this expression of our love for Dr. Arthur H. Smith upon the minutes of our council meetings, that we dispatch a copy to his wife and daughter, and that we publish these resolutions in the official paper of our church, THE LUTHERAN.

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